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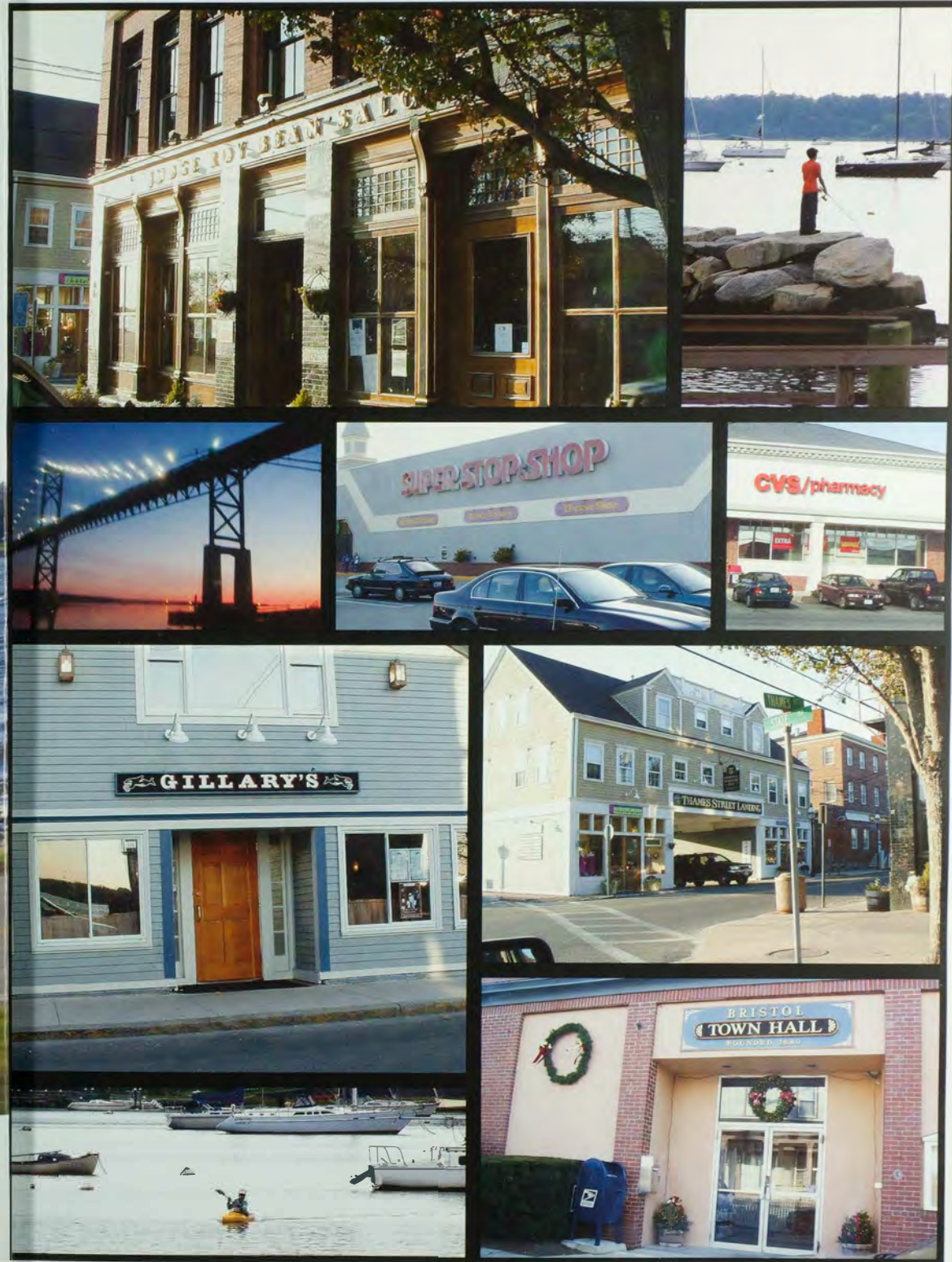
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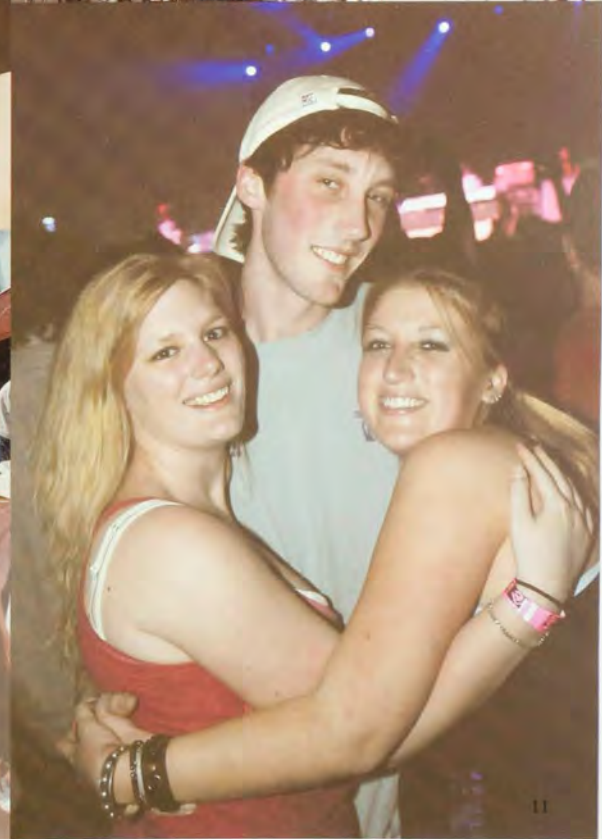


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President
Roy J. Nirschel, Ph. D

Commencement Address to the *Class of 2008*

First of all, congratulations the Class of 2008!

We have over 1000 graduates, and I especially want to acknowledge our men and women who serve in the military graduating today and the students who join us from dozens of countries around the world.

Let me take a moment to thank everyone at the University, from Dining, Facilities and Public Safety to Enrollment, Academic and Student Affairs, for making today happen.

This is a special day for you as graduates and a special day for your families. I want to acknowledge them today by invoking the power of the Presidency.

So, all you fathers and mothers, grandparents and step parents, sisters, brothers, guardians, people from Bristol who just wandered into the tent, GFs, BF's and even BFFs, today you are all honorary alumni of Roger Williams University, with all the attendant perks and responsibilities.

Congratulations.

This also means that on Tuesday, you'll be getting a call from the alumni office - so please be generous.

I had the privilege of welcoming many of you - four years ago, five years ago, or for some a little bit earlier - in this very tent as you arrived as freshmen. The tent hasn't changed, but you have. You have grown, matured, made mistakes, didn't repeat them - but made new ones, learned lots, and are prepared to move on to the next chapter of your life.

Prepared, although perhaps a little ambivalent.

For me, it's a bit unsettling as to how quickly time passes. Dean Potter of the School of Engineering told me last week that his daughter, Kendall, is graduating today. I promised not to mention Kendall and embarrass her which I believe I just did.

And I said, "It seems like she just got here Bob."

That must be how it feels for many of you. You just got here. And for others, it may seem like you've been here forever.

This is my seventh graduation at Roger Williams and, unlike bigger schools, I get to shake the hand of every graduate that comes across the stage - and get hugged by a few - and it's sometimes emotional.

"I can't believe you're graduating," I say to some. To others I say, "I can't believe you are actually graduating" and to others, "Didn't you graduate last year?"

But I say all of that with affection, because this has been a very good and important class, and I don't say that to every class.

The University has certainly changed in your time here. We hired a record number of great teachers to complement the great teachers already here. We added new academic programs, built the Rec Center, improved the Library, added the Dining Commons, not to mention sushi and better food. We created new opportunities for study abroad, service learning and new degree programs, and we became a top tier school in the Northeast.

We've changed.

And you have changed us - for the better.

Some of you, like Adrienne LaFrance, won a Fulbright award - one of the most prestigious academic achievements possible.

Others, like Chelsie FitzSimons-Diaz and Meg Gardner, reminded us of the importance of sustainability and, when I signed the presidential climate commitment to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, it was a testament to their commitment.

Students like Danny Ruth and Cheréva McClellan helped us become a campus that's more inclusive and that celebrates diversity.

Organizations like STAND brought the crisis of Darfur into our consciousness and Devon McCormick, and the other wonderful young women in Adam Bravers class, made it personal as they worked to free writers like Dolma Kyab in Tibet and bloggers like Kareem Amer in Egypt, imprisoned for their thoughts and ideas.

And students like Becky Bowman, inspired us all with her triumph out of personal tragedy.

There were other campus leaders who also made life more fun at Roger Williams - Nikki Lombardi, a leader in CEN and involved in every aspect of campus life, is heading off to grad school in Mississippi, Jordan Viola and Eric Rollo, Head RA in Bayside (what's better than that), Mike Zarbo, who worked with Gordon to set up every event on campus - including this one, and a special shout out to Mattie DiGiacomo, who worked his way through school serving at functions at the University residence. He managed a portfolio in the Business School, played rugby, which is typical of students at Roger Williams - hard working, involved, fun and achievers. The list goes on and on, and I am proud of all of you.

As a class, you traveled further and more often than any class in RWU history. Some of you studied art and architecture in Florence, or theater in London or marine ecology in Central America. Some of you went to Australia - to study - whatever they study in Australia?

And some ventured into other places closer to home - yet still exotic, like: The Bean, Gillary's and Topside - where I understand the wings now set you back twenty-five cents.

But wherever you went, there was always a friendly beacon or two to guide you home down Metacom Avenue - the Eskimo King, the university clock tower, and yes, the smiling face of Linda Clark - Attorney at Law.

During your time, the University got bigger and better and in many ways, came of age and, two years ago, turned 50.

Hopefully, you've had your own coming of age and you leave here with a smile on your face inspired to learn more - do more - be kind to others - have an impact on your family, your friends, your community, your country and your world.

In the past, it has become a tradition of sorts - referred to in the Providence Journal as one of the more incongruous moments in higher education - where I sing to the graduating class, or attempt to, but I can't this year, because I am too troubled by world events - the Middle East, China, blue states/red states and, of course, the feud between Lauren and Heidi on the Hills - because if those two can't get along, what are the prospects for the rest of the planet?

No singing this year - no song - I hope you're not disappointed.

(Address continues at the conclusion of Senior Section)

RWU Core professor brings passion to job

Kia Round
Herald Staff

Intelligent and humorous are two words to describe Rabbi Ben Lefkowitz, an RWU adjunct professor.

Lefkowitz, who is in his third year, teaches two sections of Core 102 and is present on campus three days a week.

"I have taught in a number of colleges as an adjunct, and have never had as good a time as here [RWU]. The other faculties are collegial and welcoming and open. The facilities are excellent and the support staff is always helpful," Lefkowitz said.

Although he maintains other commitments in his life, he still manages time to talk with colleagues or students.

"I love the teaching, but I am always mindful of what a former colleague elsewhere said to me once: 'I do half my teaching

dained rabbi in 1975. His history major closely relates to his work in the Rabbinate and has always been one of his favorite subjects.

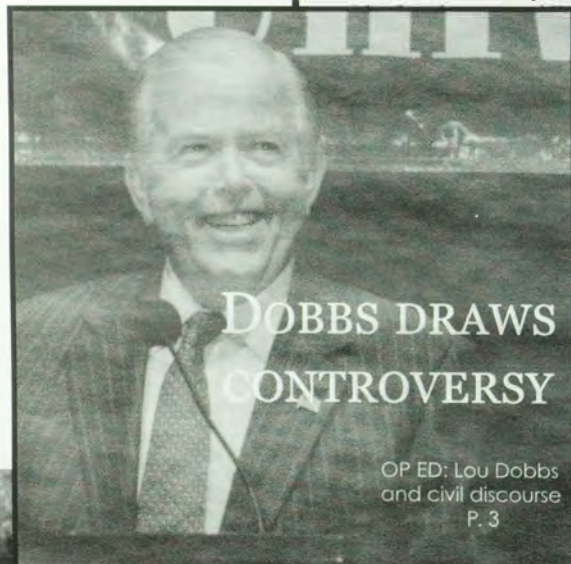
Lefkowitz, an avid reader, eclectic sports fan and classical music buff is very popular among the student body and is a wonderful member of the RWU faculty.

"What is more, I feel that life needs to be seen through a humorous lens, and that there is everything right with punctuating class with a good joke. OK, I'll admit they aren't always good," Lefkowitz joked.



Lefkowitz

Kia Round



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"Sometimes people would give me long lists of words to say, 'Pronounce all these.' So I'd say, 'Seneca. Michigan. Susquehanna' and words that we take for granted. For Europeans, these are all unknowns."

She later returned to Ithaca College and became an administrator. It was then that her son, David, was born. The first stop was SUNY Oswego where de Abruna worked for the president. After that, she became arts dean at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania. Her last position was provost at Heidelberg College in Ohio.

"She was a great teacher, scholar, thinker, active in her professional societies and scholarly pursuits and imbued with the love of learning. This is an RWU value," President Roy Nirschel said.

"She has a broad back-

As the new provost and senior vice president of academic affairs, de Abruna has many responsibilities. The provost is responsible for all things academic. All aspects of student academic life as well as the faculty members will be overseen by her.

"In terms of moving forward, I think I share a lot of the agenda items that are in the RWU 2020 vision."

Provost Laura de Abruna

"She is the number one officer of the university, and only to the president. She will oversee the academic affairs of the school: the deans, the library, a host of other activities. Others may be migrating here in the future," said Nirschel.

Dr. de Abruna has been the permanent provost

RWU for two months now.

and negotiated with planning groups. There would be a dance group, theatre groups, one of which was more classical Shakespeare, and on contemporary," said de Abruna.

There are changes coming now that the university has a new provost. According to de Abruna, students can expect new and new opportunities to study abroad.

"There will be many more opportunities."

New provost shares in RWU values

David Diggins
Herald Staff

As the staircase to the second floor bends left, sitting atop the table in the waiting area. Most students do not venture to the second floor of the Administration Building, but it is here that the office of the new provost, Dr. Laura de Abruna, is located.

de Abruna completed her undergraduate studies at Smith College in Massachusetts and moved south to receive a Ph.D. in modern American and English literature from the University of North Carolina. She currently is working on a second doctorate in higher education administration.

She has a passion for travel which has allowed her and her husband to move around and experience many places throughout her 26 years as an educator.

"We wanted to see different parts of the world and parts of the country," de Abruna said.

de Abruna's first teaching position was at the University of Texas in Austin where she was a part of the English department. She and her husband then traveled to Puerto Rico where she taught at the University of Puerto Rico. She soon landed a teaching position at Ithaca College. From there,

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Dr. de Abruna

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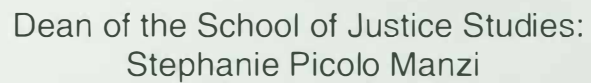
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Nike Hall holds military history

Eric Sullivan
Herald Staff

Regional Air Defense has picked up hostile aircraft; prepare to transfer hostile aircraft to target tracking radar. The IFC has acquired the target and has transferred the targets location to regional launch site.

Two missiles rise from their underground magazines and are pushed by the battery troops to be raised vertically. Prepare to launch.

It may be hard to believe, but a portion of the Roger Williams campus was once home to a vital part of the U.S. Air Defense during the Cold War.

However, it has been 33

years since the air defense system in Bristol has been shut down.

On July 4, 1957 a ceremony was held to open the US military's latest air defense facility, and some familiar names were at the opening ceremonies: Senator T. F. Green, and R. F. Haffenreffer.

The facility was in two locations. The Integrated Fire Control (IFC) Administration Area, which was responsible for locating incoming targets, was located on top of Mt. Hop, and the second was located on the RWU campus as the launch site for the missiles.

There were two missile systems on this campus, the

Nike Ajax, which was then upgraded to the Nike Hercules, for which Nike Hall is named. The missiles were named after the Greek god, meaning victory.

The Nike system was the United States' first line of defense for ballistic missiles and bomber aircrafts. What is now the RWU campus was literally a primary target to be attacked in order for the enemy to penetrate U.S. airspace.

The facility was closely connected to Bristol through its annual traditions. During the famous Fourth of July parades, one of the army's trucks would lead the parade with the latest Nike Missile mounted on top. On Halloween, the

Administration

tration area would turn the HIPAR (Air defense radar) into a giant jack-o-lantern, which would light up all of Bristol from the top of Mt. Hope.

"Today there is little evidence of the original facilities. All of the launch pads for the Nike Hercules missiles are covered by the school's parking garage. Deep within the woods of Mt. Hope, a few cement blocks that used to be helicopter pads, radar stations, and a barracks, are all that remains of the IFC Administration Area.

The only remaining structures of the air defense facilities are located on this campus: Nike Hall, the original barracks for the field artillery battery, and the north classroom building, which

was originally a magazine structure for weapons.

The university's plans for a new residence hall will extend to the north section of campus, but will not disrupt these last remnants of Cold War history.

"At this time, there are no plans to tear down the North Campus building, John King, Vice President of Student Affairs said.

The administration said they understand the historical importance of a building like Nike.

"The University is sensitive to the historical significance of both these buildings and will consider that dynamic carefully before making final decisions in campus master planning," he added.



(ABOVE) Before the facility was shut down, Nike Hall was a barracks for field artillery battery. (RIGHT) The other area in Bristol which located incoming targets now is over-



Students trapped in KP elevator

Kelleigh Welch
Assistant Features Editor

Junior Trevor Marsha had a good excuse to miss his Cost Accounting class last Monday when his elevator ride came to an abrupt stop.

Within the past week, the elevators at King Philip apartments have been unexpectedly stopping, resulting in three separate incidents in which students were trapped there for long periods of time.

In the first incident, a student was trapped between two floors. This student had a cell phone, and was able to call for help.

"Public Safety was called and facilities responded," Director of Housing Tony Montefusco said. "The Bristol police and fire departments were also called. Unfortunately, no

response time of the appropriate people," Montefusco said. "We had found out about the incident through the Bristol Police."

For Marsha, the experience was nothing to be nervous about.

"All I could do was laugh because I remembered the firemen breaking open doors the last time it happened and wondered what they were doing this time. We were in between levels, but there was a little gap at the top of the door for the third floor. The firemen opened the door, then the door to the elevator, and we climbed out," Marsha said.

"It was a major inconvenience, but I didn't have class until 6 p.m.," Lefebvre said. "The dispatcher who stayed on the phone with us until we got out kept up a very humorous conversation though."

thing should be up and running by now."

Unfortunately, this is not the first time elevators have stopped on campus. An incident such as this has happened in Cedar before.

"If you look at the operations of an elevator, it is very complex, and it is not unusual for elevators to be off a little," Montefusco said.

Recently, all campus elevators

were serviced, inspected, and recertified.

"The electrical issue [in King Philip] could not be prevented, however, incidents like this would be prevented if students did not abuse the elevators," Montefusco said.

"I'll ride them [elevators] again," Marsha said. "They're a lot easier than the stairs."



The elevators at KP have broken down a couple of times since the start of the school year. Measures have been taken to ensure that it does not happen again.

Stonewall to become home to living, learning

Kelcie Swanson
Asst. Features Editor

Living Learning Communities are numerous on college campuses around the United States and seen as important parts of campus life. Next year, Roger Williams will welcome a new kind of Living Learning Community on campus called the First Year Interest Group.

Living Learning Communities are meant to allow students with special interests to live together. Two examples of the Living Learning Communities on campus are the Marine Biology and Architecture.

Stonewall I next year will become a home to two living learning communities. Architecture will be on the first and second floors and the First Year Interest Group will be on the third floor.

Freshman students will have the option of applying for the Living Learning Community when they fill out their housing preferences. There will be presentations during orientation with information about the new First Year Interest Group program.

The First Year Interest Group will be "wrapped around the core curriculum," Director of Housing Tony Montefusco said. The basic idea is that the 36 freshmen will be split into two groups of 18 and one group will take CORE 101 (Literature, Philosophy and the Ascent of Ideas) and the other group will take CORE 102 (History in the Modern World) while all taking Writing 100.

Second semester, the two groups will switch the COREs they were taking first semester and all take Expository Writing. According to Professor Michael Swanson, this Living Learning Community is based on the ideas developed from First Year Experience.

The students in this program will help students think more analytically and improve critical thinking. The classes the freshmen will be taking in the

spring will have a "higher level of sophistication," Swanson said.

In the writing class, students "will write about things going on in the other classes," Swanson said. This will create a better quality of work because the two classes will complement each other.

The teachers will work together and expect the students to have a transfer effect in the two classes. A result of this will be better achievement in both semesters and all four classes.

Swanson will teach the CORE 101 class. Professor Robert Blackburn will teach the CORE 104. Assistant Professor Glenna Andrade and Assistant Professor Jennifer Campbell will teach both the Writing 100 and the Expository Writing.

This Living Learning Community will become an area to stress the last part of the Pledge of Integrity, which is the oath of mutual support to student peers. Swanson said he hopes these students are able to collaborate with each other and become a community due to their interactions within the classroom.

It is a great hope that these students will be an "academic team much like a sports team," Swanson said.

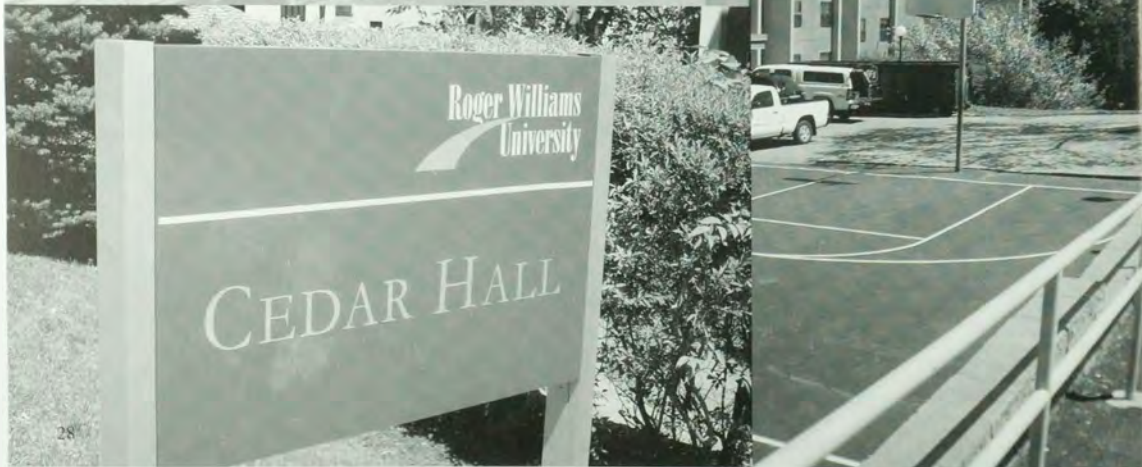
These students will have each other for moral support both in class and also in their living area.



Cedar

Cedar Hall is the only all first year student residence hall. If incoming students are looking for the traditional freshmen experience, then Cedar Hall is the choice to make. Students become emerged into a building where everyone else is going through a similar situation. Meeting people is as easy as opening your door, venturing into the hallway and seeing who you can find.

Cedar is a 5 story building with a traditional residence Hall look and feel. With two social lounges and Basketball courts out front the layout of Cedar makes it very easy to make new friends.



Maple

Ideally situated near the center of campus, Maple Hall is located across the street from a number of classroom buildings, perfect for those who prefer to roll out of bed and into the classroom! Maple Hall is unique because its living areas are structured as small separate units around a central lounge area.

Maple Hall also houses two of the Special Interest Housing, Marine Biology and Wellness. Maple Hall also houses the Intercultural Center and the Women's Center.



Willow

Willow Hall is located only yards from Mt. Hope Bay with some stellar views from many of the rooms. Spread out over several physical buildings Willow creates a good mix of close living quarters with the chance to meet lots of people.

With a sprawling grass courtyard and plenty of space willow is a great place to live if you like to be outdoor. There is also a rec room that students can use to hang out and meet new people. Willow is the perfect place to meet your best friend.



Stonewall

The University's newest traditional style residence hall. This eighth residence hall is a wonderful new addition to our housing options. This residence hall houses Sophomores and Juniors with limited space for new students.

The four three-story buildings house approximately 450 residents in a suite style arrangement. Each suite has a common sitting area and common bathroom. Each room is carpeted and fully air-conditioned. Spacious common areas provide additional meeting, studying and programming space for residents. Stonewall Terrace is the location of the Honors living-learning unit.

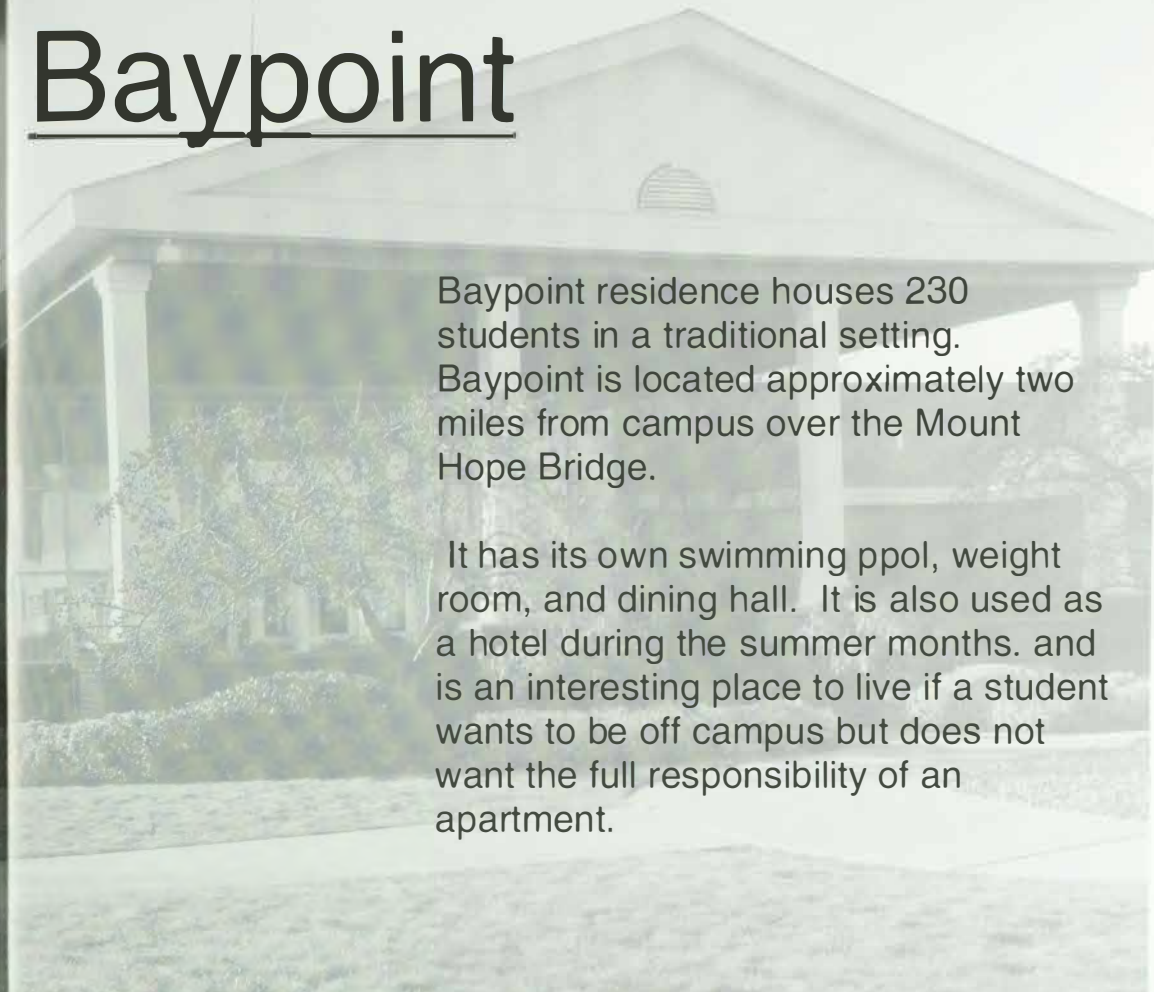


Nike



Nike is the smallest Residence Hall on campus. It is located in between the Campus Rec Center and North Campus. Although it is the farthest away from the main part of campus many of our architecture students have gladly called it home over the past few years. This is the last year that Nike will be used as a residence hall.

Baypoint



Baypoint residence houses 230 students in a traditional setting. Baypoint is located approximately two miles from campus over the Mount Hope Bridge.

It has its own swimming pool, weight room, and dining hall. It is also used as a hotel during the summer months. and is an interesting place to live if a student wants to be off campus but does not want the full responsibility of an apartment.



King Phillip

King Philip also affords you the opportunity to live in an apartment complex two miles off campus but still have all the benefits of living in a residence hall. The shuttle bus runs between campus, King Philip and Almeida.

King Philip consists of two separate buildings; one high-rise and one apartment building. The building is conveniently located behind CVS Pharmacy and has a wide variety of rooms for students to choose from.



Almeida

Almeida is a residence hall with a difference! Almeida gives you the opportunity to live in an apartment complex two miles off campus but still have all the benefits of living in a residence hall. There is also a shuttle bus that runs every hour to and from campus on Sunday night to Friday afternoon so not having a car is no problem.

There are three types of buildings that are in Almeida: the Flats, the Townhouses, and the larger buildings. Each area provides their own unique living experience to fit any students taste.



Bayside

Bayside Court is a change from traditional-style residence halls and houses nearly 500 residents. Residents of Bayside Courts have the distinct opportunity to experience apartment-style living while still remaining on campus as a member of the University's residential community.

Living Space Bayside Court consists of three identical buildings named Seabreeze (south building), Tidewater (middle building), and Whitecap (north building). Courtyards of each building in Bayside Courts face Mount Hope Bay.



RWU athletes up for auction at fundraiser

Ashley Willos
Herald Staff

How would you like to win a date? How about a date with a RWU athlete? And what if your date helped raise money for a good cause? Then make sure you attend the Athletics Auction for Camp Hope. Bringing Joy to the Broken Children of Haiti, on Tuesday, April 29.

Josh Beidler, a former Women's Soccer 2005 alumni of Roger Williams University will start a summer camp in Painesville, Ohio, this summer and now all the athletic teams on campus have come together to reach necessary funds to make this amazing dream

"Camp Hope will be a camp that facilitates active play, crafts and educational activities for the children of the community," Beidler says. "The Camp Hope Team will make it possible to feed each camper by presenting a healthy food program to the children that attend the camp."

The money will also be used to provide soccer jerseys for the local soccer teams in the village.

At least five athletes from each team will be auctioned off for the cause, including coaches, staff members and even Athletic Director Shaun Hogan. The highest bidder will

"The fundraiser will auction off an athlete with an activity, such as a study session, a date specified to the athletes' sport, a dinner, a kayaking lesson, movie tickets, a lunch or a grocery store gift card."

Cecely Hislop, a member of the Equestrian team, will be one of the "prizes" auctioned off for the event.

"I'm doing it to support the athletics program and the children's camp, and I'm also hoping to find a hot date," Hislop said. "I think it will be a lot of fun and I hope a lot of people will participate because it will make a great contribution."

I think I will leave it up to whomever."

What's most important is that 100 percent of the proceeds will go to Camp Hope, and the RWU community is urged to help out with this wonderful cause.

"Our goal is that the auction is successful in order for us to make this an annual event for the Athletics Department of RWU," Beidler says.

The auction will be held in the Recreation Center on Tuesday night at 7. Bidders are asked to bring cash to the event. For questions, contact the auctioneer, Timmy Baldwin.

Athletics

Women's volleyball: Serving up tough competition

Shaun Hogan
Sports Editor

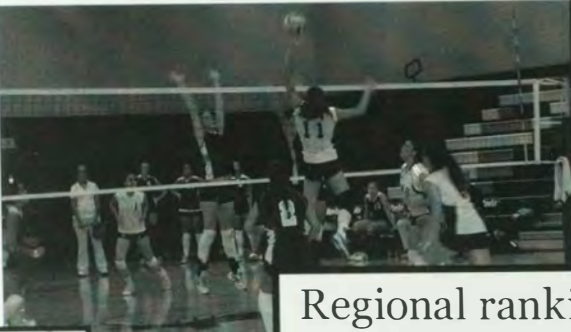
Despite a winning start to the 2007 season with victories over Clark University and Husson College, the overall record of the women's volleyball team slipped to 3-4 on Tuesday with a 3-0 loss to Connecticut College.

"Tuesday night was not a good match for us," said head coach Bret Stothart. "We started out really well, but then it was really just a matter of I think our passing."

"We broke down and they [Connecticut College] really just took us off the court," Stothart said.

At the start of the match, it looked as if the Hawks might break Connecticut College's four game winning streak. The team came out full throttle during the first set, making 13 kills to keep this game tied.

However, the tie would not last



Dolan jumps as she tries to spike the ball Sept. 16. Dolan finished the match with a total of nine kills during the game. She is the team's top player for this season.

Men's swimming team takes fourth place in New England championship

Shaun Hogan
Sports Editor

In a weekend performance that set several team records, the men's swimming and diving team placed a fourth place finish in the New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association championships on Sunday evening. Bentley College gained the championship title after beating Keene State College by eight points.



Bentley's fourth place finish caps off a winning season for the team that included a total of six wins and three losses. The team also generated a first place finish in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Invitational as well as one fifth and two fourth place finishes in regular and postseason events.

As a result of her team's success, head coach Julie O'Brien was named as the 2006 swimming coach of the year.

The Hawks began competition on Friday with a fourth place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay, 50-yard breaststroke and 400-yard medley relay. The team also posted a seventh and eighth place finish in the 100-yard butterfly as well as a ninth and twelfth place finish in the 50 and 500-yard freestyle events.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, freshman James Crowther and senior Mike Fontaine along with seniors Doug Cameron and John Curtis lost the previous school record of 1:31.66 by two seconds, setting a new record of 1:29.66. Cameron set another school record when he finished the 500-yard freestyle in 5:03.68.

As the 50-yard breaststroke, sophomore Chris Anderson shattered his own record in the event, which he set earlier this season by almost one second. Anderson reset new standards at 28.61.

On Saturday the Hawks shattered more records as they worked their way to an overall score of 193, which pushed them into fourth place.

Anderson and Curtis teamed up with freshman Dale Dubinski and sophomore Jonathan Flynn in the 200-yard medley relay event, where they gained a second place finish with an overall score of 4:11.

Regional ranking for woen's team

Shaun Hogan
Sports Editor

Since beginning Commonwealth Coast Conference play just over a week ago, the women's soccer team has certainly demonstrated their strength on the field. Now seven games into the 2007 season, the Hawks have an overall record of

5-2 and are ranked 21st in New England.

"The season is going extremely well," said head coach Emily Kiahlick. "We have definitely had things that we need to work on and some things that we're doing well."

"The girls are just really focused," she added.



The Hawk's overall record moved to the 5-2 mark on Tuesday evening when they earned an 8-0 victory over Bentley College, marking the team's number of goals scored in a single game since last season. Going into this season, Nichols was ranked 40th in New England with an overall record of 4-1.

"Last night's game went really well," Kiahlick said. "Despite the score they are a strong team, they have some excellent players on the team. One of them was a first team all league player last year."

"We just really clicked," Kiahlick said.

Sophomore Carey Baldwin got things started for the Hawks, scoring the first and second goals of the game to bring the score to 2-0 by the middle of the first half. Then with 17 minutes left to play before the end of the half, sophomore Amanda McCunha raised the score to 3-0.

Senior captain Caitlin Mayo scored the first goal of the second

Sailing gets off to a strong start with a fifth place finish in their first team race

Shaun Hogan
Sports Editor

Tricky conditions did not prevent the sailing team from earning fifth place out of 16 teams in the John Jackson and Graham Hall team-racing event at Georgetown University and the United States Naval Academy this past weekend. The two-day race was the team's first competitive event of the spring season.



Courtesy of Amanda Callahan

"I thought this weekend was a good way to start off the season," head coach Amanda Callahan said. "It shows how much work we need to do in order to make it to nationals this year."

This strong start to the spring season comes after a fall season in which the team was ranked as high as sixth nationally. Although the Hawk's ended the fall season with an eighth place finish in the Atlantic Coast Championships and a national ranking of eighth, the latest *Sailing World* coed college rankings place them in ninth place.

The team began regular practices on Saturday March 23 and since they have had six days on the water.

"This time of year the weather is always the biggest factor and it can be pretty fickle," Callahan said. "But last week we ended up with five really good

The RWU sailing team sails on Mount Hope Bay last week in one of their first practices of the season. The team took fifth in their first race of the season.

days on the water.

"So far at practices we have been focusing on team racing and getting our team racing skills up to speed. Progress has been slow, but I think we are heading in the right direction."

The first day of racing this weekend took place at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. where the Hawks posted an overall record of 5-2, falling only to the Naval Academy and to

ranked St. Mary's College. The Hawks collected wins over Hobart College, William Smith College, New York Maritime College, Old Dominion University, Harvard University and the United States Merchant Marine Academy in other racing action on the first day.

The team was forced to use heavy crews in the three boats it raced on Saturday due to a heavy

See Sailors p. 11.

Men's Basketball

Seniors



Pictured Above
(Top to Bottom):
Geoff Baranger, Ben
Camobreco, Dan
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Front Row : William Barret, Rick Laughton, Corey Fava, Ben Camobreco, Tucker Bashaw, Tom Rafael, Travis O'Dell
Back Row: Student Assistant Chuck Davidson, Assistant Coach Tim Cohane, Manager Tim McKone, Shane Lavioe, Marty Paciorkowski, Ryan McGinn, Kyle Bogucki, Geoff Barranger, Dan Gumb, Michael Woolley, Steve Drabik, Manager George Schork, Assistant Coach Matt Chittim, Head Coach Michael Tully
Not Pictured Assistant Coach Rob Humm

Women's Basketball

Seniors



Pictured Above
(Top to Bottom):
Caitlyn Leone,
Taylor Shea



Front Row: Carly Spagnola, Caitlyn Leone, Kate Malenczak, Taylor Shea, Courtney Kovalsky, Karen Ewanowski, Jacqueline Criss
Back Row: Head Coach Tracey Hathaway-James, Assistant Coach Ellen Bruckshaw, Assistant Coach Kara Henderson, Casey Anderson, Jill Hurd, Nicole Atchue, Heather Babin, Caitlin McNabb, Jennifer Youngquist, Gwen Luke, Team Manager Becca Lapierre, Team Manager Molly Reynolds
Not Pictured: Stephanie Fox

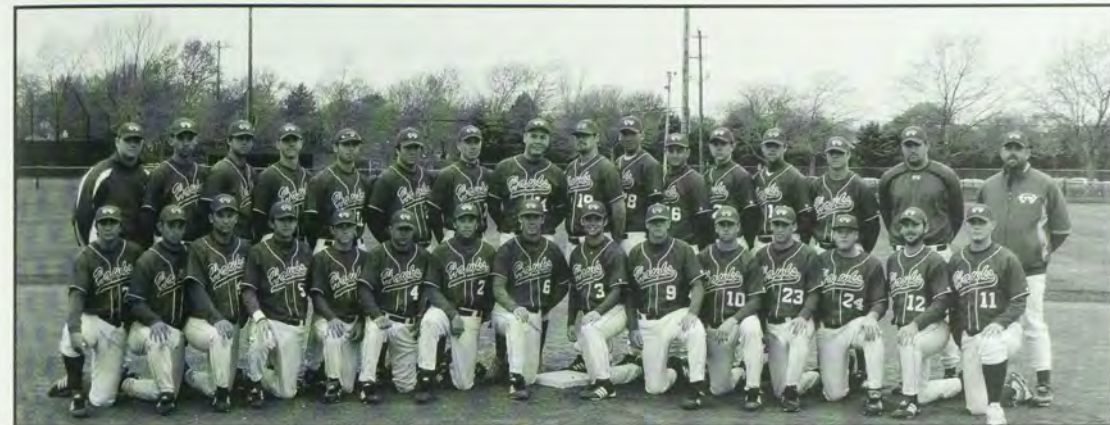
Women's Softball



Christine Bean, Renee Bilotti, Kerry Burke, Michelle Caprice, Stephanie Collins, Emily Glazer, Andrea Gregory, Sarah Grill, LeEllen Lewis, Jen Lyford, Callie Nealon, Alexandra Sera, Melissa Sereti, Adrianna Sicari, Samantha Teves, Rachel Urato

Head Coach Steve Pappas, Assistant Coach Dave Charbonneau, Assistant Coach Mallory Rapoza

Men's Baseball



Hawks pitcher throws first perfect game in school history

Shawn Hogan
Sports Editor

RWU sophomore Dan Roberge made history Sunday when he became the first pitcher in school history and the fourth in Division III history to throw a perfect game, blowing past the Wentworth Institute of Technology in the first game of a doubleheader.

"It's a once in a lifetime thing," head coach Derek Carlson said of the pitching feat. "I personally have never seen one [a perfect game], nobody on the team has ever seen one and it's just a special thing."

"It's something he [Roberge] will never experience again, and the team won't either."

Going into the game on Sunday, Wentworth was undefeated in the CCC and tied with RWU. Curry College and Western New England College for the top spot. However, the two losses on Sunday ended the team's streak and their conference record now stands at 4-2 to put them in fourth place behind Curry, RWU and Western New England.

"Perfect game aside, it was a huge game for us to win," Carlson said. "Dan really stepped up."

For his performance on Sunday, Roberge was named as the RWU Male Athlete of the Week and the CCC Pitcher of the Week.

Roberge started off strong on the mound and remained consist-



Courtesy of Dan Roberge

Sophomore Dan Roberge pitches in Sunday's perfect game against the Wentworth Institute of Technology. The perfect game is the first in school history.

tent throughout the game, striking out three batters and running the count to full only three times.

Roberge faced the minimum of 21 batters in the seven-inning affair, coaxing nine fly-outs and nine groundouts.

In the seventh inning the Wentworth Leopards had several opportunities to tie the game at 1-1, but Roberge's pitching along with a strong performance by the Hawks' defense was enough to hold them back.

The first opportunity for Wentworth came when leadoff batter sophomore Pete Oggeri

came dangerously close to a walk by running the count to 3-2. Despite the close call, Roberge was able to force Oggeri into a fly-out to right field.

Wentworth freshman Jake McManus got a popup off a 2-2 pitch by Roberge, but was not able to capitalize on it as it was caught at second base. McManus' popup set up the final out in which Roberge was able to force a groundout to sophomore shortstop Grant Bolin by Wentworth hitter junior Nick Cunningham to finalize the 1-0 win.

"I had a really strong defense

See Baseball p.11.

Men's Cross Country

Seniors



Pictured Above
(top to bottom):
Brian Clark,
Nicholas
Michienzi

Record

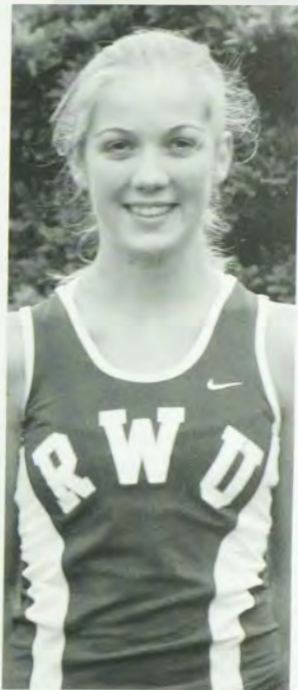
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Ithaca College Invitational	No Team Score
Trinity College Invitational (Wickham Park)	4th/7
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Invitational	10th/31
Connecticut College Invitational	19th
Pop Crowell Invitational (Gordon College)	3rd/20
Roger Williams University Invitational (Colt State Park)	1st/10
Alumni Race (Colt State Park)	No Team Score
CCC Championships (University of New England)	1st/9
ECAC Championships (Hosted By Williams College)	24th/37
New England Division III Championships: (Connecticut College)	18th/47



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Jonathan Ellis, Nicholas Michienzi, Todd Massari, Brian Ki, Brian
Clark
Back Row : Head Coach Sean Livingston, Tim Eynatian, Keith
Weiner, Alex Parulis, Stephen Leonetti, Michael Russo,
Christopher Disciullo, DJ Sevigny, Assistant Coach Tony Knapp
Not Pictured: Kevin Clark, Tom Maybury

Women's Cross Country

Seniors



Pictured Above:
Michelle
Buechner
Not Pictured:
Jane
Shaughnessy

Record

Meet:	Score:
Ithaca College Invitational	No Team Score
Trinity College Invitational (Wickham Park)	5th/7
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Invitational	8th/16
Connecticut College Invitational	No Team Score
Pop Crowell Invitational (Gordon College)	2nd/22
Roger Williams University Invitational (Colt State Park)	1st/14
Alumni Race (Colt State Park)	No Team Score
CCC Championships (University of New England)	1st/9
ECAC Championships (Hosted By Williams College)	23rd/31
New England Division III Championships: (Connecticut College)	19th/47



Front Row : Juliana Fernandes, Nicole DesRoches, Kristen
Paradee, Leah Junco-Seyer, Susan Thaxter, Alyssa Donovan,
Michelle Buechner, Emily Bome, Emily Tran
Back Row : Assistant Coach Tony Knapp, Michelle Needham, Lisa
Marie McNulty, Hadley Avery, Alison Fredericks, Samantha
Buechner, Shannon Elmendorf, Megan Fish, Jane Shaughnessy,
Head Coach Sean Livingston

Women's Lacrosse

Seniors



Pictured Above
(Top to Bottom):
Kara Smolca
Kary Rodgers
Lindsay Clarken



Kate Malenczak, Kelsey Adams, Jackie Criss, Lauren Cooper, Natasha Billie, Claire Halliday, Jessie Alden, Lauren Ferri, Nicole Papasergiou, Annie Alvord, Kasey Beckwith, Emily Schall, Erica Palmer, Libby Stout, Lindsay Locker, Amanda Magee, Kara Smolca, Kary Rodgers, Lindsay Clarken

Men's Lacrosse

Seniors



Pictured (Top to Bottom):
Quinn McGonigle,
Not Pictured:
Beaver Barone,
Dave Hurley,
Joe Healy,
Packy Markham,
Mike Fox,
Mike Horan,
Matt Levy,
Sean Benner,
Nick D'Angelo,
Joe Paratore,
Sean Varga,
Chris Mecozzi,
Tyler Cole,



Ryan Christensen, Beaver Barone, Dave Hurley, Devin Hannan, Joe Healy, Packy Markham, Connor McCabe, Drew Smith, Quinn McGonigle, Logan Roebuck, Phil Powers, James Turenne, Dom Celeste, Nick Coburn, Mike Fox, Matt Donovan, Austin Fehringer, Tom Munson, Mike Horan, Matt Levy, Sean Benner, Aaron Hewlings, Nick D'Angelo, Tyler Roebuck, Rian Kearney, Joe Paratore, David Pancaldo, Tommy Hardon, Sean Varga, Glenn Pacitti, Chris Mecozzi, John Sharrott, Tyler Cole

Men's Soccer

Seniors



Pictured Above
(Top to Bottom):
Antoine Bell,
Kevin Canty,
Matt Smith,
Evan Solis

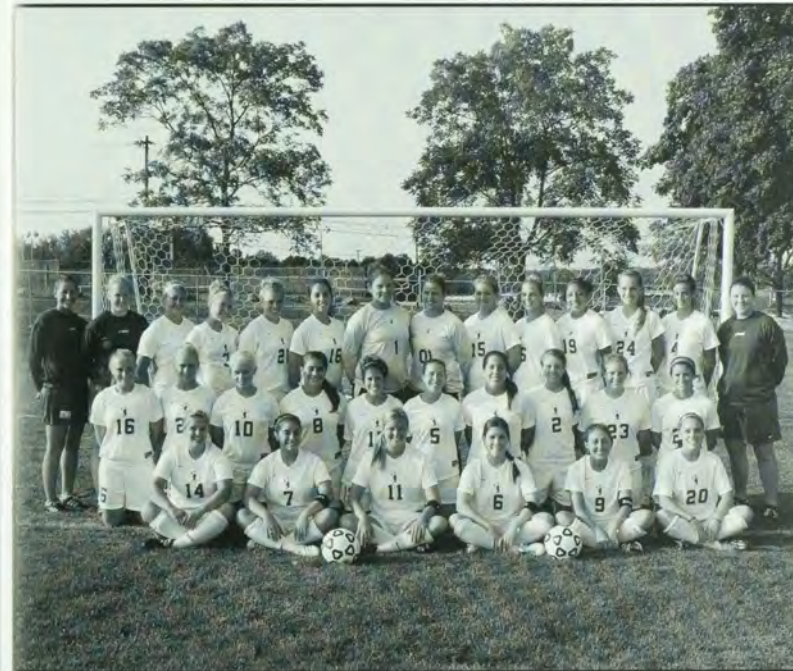


Front Row: Bobby Fraser, Winston Smith, Michael Patriarca, Shawn Teixeira, Jimmy Turbide, Joey Summa, Matt Stebbins
Middle Row : Duncan Swanwick, Dylan OConnor, Michael Friedman, Kevin Canty, Evan Solis, DJ Hunter, Jeffrey Taranto, Dan Saccoccio, Brandon, ODonovan
Back Row: Assistant Coach Joe Dutra, Michael Klein, Chris Guerrini, Justin Plourde, Greg Levis, Andrew Gildein, Will Sorkin, Peter Palte, Dan Ruscigno, Andrew Gervais, Ardy Jagne, Matt Smith, Antoine Bell, Head Coach Jim Cook

Women's Soccer

Seniors

Pictured to the Right
(Top to Bottom):
Amanda Bickford,
Michelle Connors,
Mary daCunha,
Caitlin Mayo,
Jackley Vendola
Not Pictured:
Ashley Steenbruggen



Front Row: Amanda Bickford, Mary daCunha, Ashley Steenbruggen, Caitlin Mayo, Jackley Vendola, Michelle Connors
Middle Row : Sam Tolken, Gina Pegoraro, Jessie Alden, Amanda daCunha, Erica Scheer, Patty O'Hear, Lauren Ferri, Caitlin Cawthron, Heidi Kunkel, Lindsey Crepeau
Back Row : Assistant Coach Christina Paradise, Assistant Coach Jessica Broomhead, Jenni Murphy, Carey Baldwin, Kelly Capek, Kristen OGorman, Jenny Schermerhorn, Jen Garside, Allison Powers, Leeann Riley, Julie Hamor, Julie Moody, Taryn Mancarella, Head Coach Emily Kiablick

Men's Swimming and Diving



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Women's Swimming and Diving



Pictured Above: Shannon Arnold, Marissa Carr, Meghan D'Mello, Danielle deLisle, Katy Friedrich, Lauren Gosnell, Elise Guay, Brigid Houlihan, Ashley Hyatt, Kerry Leonard, Jill Mackey, Erin O'Connell, Casey Meagher, Jennifer Murphy, Cara Naylor, Caitlin O'Connor, Kasey O'Connor, Hannah Osthoff, Hannah Patten, Jillian Powell, Evgenia Pozdnyakova, Shari Rothgeb, Emily Shaw, Sarah Staropoli, Brittany Vail, Natalia Williams

Women's Tennis

Seniors



Front Row: Katie Wilmes, Joanna Nettelfield, Haley McCraven, Jessica Manners, Caitlyn Leone, Kelsey Parente
Back Row: Assistant Coach Mary Susan Sullivan, Caroline McGrath, Leah Ribchinsky, Lily Osowski, Katelin Richard, Megan Harrington, Melissa Perry, Head Coach Chris OBrien

Men's Tennis

Seniors



Front Row : Kyle Baker, David Shapiro, Adam Barnes, Jason Dono, Brad Bolte, William Andersen
Back Row : Head Coach Chris OBrien, Daniel Roberts, Nicholas Hawvermale, Brian Kennedy, Jeffrey Agonia, Ryan Fayed, Dan Kleitz, Stephen Burger

Men's Wrestling

Seniors



Nick Allegretta, David Beard, Nick Cambi, Anthony Cirello, Matthew Clark, Dustin Conner, Robbie Crothers, Jared Czarneski, Andrew Dahlman, Justin Daniel, Shane Day, Matthew Dempsey, Ryan DeWolfe, Anthony Dussault, Corey Egan, Kenneth Ford, John Paul Garlasco, Kia Gholampour, Eliot Gibbs, Andrew Hawley, Nick Heineman, Matthew Holmes, Andrew Jackson, Philip Kelly, Bennett Kissane, Marc Kurzberg, Jeremiah Mahoney, Keith Mantia, Jonathan Manwaring, Dan McDonough, Connor Miller, Chris Nadeau, Chris O'Shea, Richard Olsson, Richie Ophals, Geoffrey Poirie, Kyle Rodgers, Alex Roth-Honigfeld, Michael Trayser, Thomas Tuminelli, James Ubele, Michael Viscariello, Dan Woods, James Woods, Dan Zotollo

Women's Volleyball



Front Row : Eileen OLeary, Kirsten Bosworth, Jill Hurd, Brianne Nicklaw, Caryn Lecca, Allie Menter, Michelle Beatrice, Leah Quast
Back Row : Assistant Coach Anne Marie Shaughnessy, Brittney Sullivan, Erica DoVale, Amanda Medeiros, Amy Maurer, Kristina Dolan, Christine Savell, Rebekah Dion, Laura Scott, Head Coach Bret Stothart

Equestrian

Seniors



Front Row: Megan Schiel-Logvin, Alicia Levy, Kathryn Johnson, Meg Gardner, Alicia Milch, Olivia Cornell, Ashley Gagnon, Courtney Fraser, Emily Hamilton
Middle Row: Maya Ganguly, Brittany Cornell, Samantha Taylor, Caitlyn Doolittle, Kristen Seturins, Alyssa Shankman, Danica Kucinski, Jessica Miller, Lauren Rarich
Back Row: Head Coach Eliza Davis, Jenna Clemishaw, Katelyn Porter, Shannon OKeefe, Jane Pleskunas, Courtney Levitsky, Cicely Hislop, Ashley Washington, Amy Silvia, Kayla Waskiewicz
Not Pictured: Jacqueline Urankar



Sailing

Seniors



Front Row: Sarah Mease, Kate Flanders, Jackie Roche, Lindsey Smith, Maria Petrillo, Kelly Dunn-Mockridge, Bill Devitt, Sean Lucey, Kelly Gorman, Katie Palmer
Middle Row : Ryan McHorney, Andrew Vachon, Sarah Tuvim, Alex Boudreau, Nicole Boudreau, Alyssa Maynard, John Enright, George Saunders, Nick Sirianno, Andy Goetting,
Back Row : Head Coach Amanda Callahan, Joseph Crosby, Tucker Blagden, Joseph Strumolo, Bjarki Gunnarsson, Leland Thomas, John Cato, Arwen Mitton, James Unsworth, Matt Duggan, Matt Mullenkamp, Josh Saltmarsh, Manager Conor Crowe
Not Pictured: Katylin Hall, Todd Riccardi

Students celebrate a new year in February

Kelleigh Welch
Features Editor

Natalie Huey, a junior at Roger Williams University, has become comfortable with spending the holidays away from home. Even though Christmas and Thanksgiving have breaks conveniently set up around them, Huey considers Chinese New Year to be one of her biggest family holidays, which always occurs when she is in school.

Chinese New Year, which is celebrated today, marks the Chinese year 4706, the year of the rat.

According to infoplease.com, Chinese New Year is celebrated based on a lunar calendar. Each month begins on the darkest day of the month, throwing the months off a bit, which

mooncakes to go along with the lunar calendar as well.

One constant tradition for Chinese New Year is the distribution of "Hong Bao," which are small red envelopes given to children or unmarried young adults, and usually contain a sum of money.

"The amount ranges from \$1 to \$100, depending on who is giving you the envelope," secretary of the RWU Multicultural Student Union, Samantha Law said.

However, for Huey and Law, the academic calendar causes them to remain at school for the celebration. To make up for this, MSU brings Chinese New Year to students like Huey and Law, and gives many students on campus the chance to celebrate and experience the holiday.

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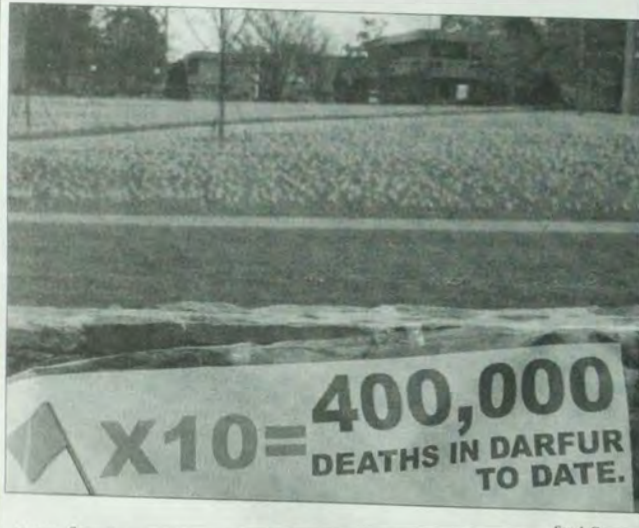
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(Above) Students eat traditional Chinese food including lo mein noodles and bok choy. (Below) MSU hosts a Chinese New Year in the intercultural center.



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Sustainability: It's not easy being green at RWU



On Earth Day, exhibits were set up in the quad to support recycling and sustainability.

Sarah Smith
Herald Staff

When Chelsea FitzSimmons-Diaz transferred to RWU as a sophomore in 2005, she noticed that there was not much opportunity for students to recycle on campus.

FitzSimmons-Diaz, a marine biology major, teamed up with her classmate, sophomore Meg Gardner, to approach then-administrative coach Scott Yonan, who was in charge of the school's unofficial recycling and sustainability committee. The two worked with Yonan and another student, 2006 graduate David Smith, to organize a campus recycling system that remains in place today. Under Yonan's

leadership, the group has also helped to solidify the Recycling and Sustainability Committee's presence on campus, and it is currently working toward club status under the Student Senate.

Three years and several sustainability programs later, one thing is very clear to FitzSimmons-Diaz and the sustainability committee: It's not easy being green.

The group does not have an allotted budget with which to fund programs; much of the group's money comes from the members' pockets, or help from administration members and other donors around campus. Additionally, building campus interest and awareness of sustainability is "the largest

hump" that the group has to climb, according to FitzSimmons-Diaz. "It's a culture change, because sustainability hasn't been a huge part of campus life. It's going to take a while to get everybody on campus on board."

One of the biggest sustainability projects to occur on campus was converting a campus shuttle to run off pure canola oil. The shuttle, which was introduced to the campus community last October, gets its fuel comes from leftover canola oil that is used to fry french fries in the Dining Commons. Yonan, who is now the staff leader of the sustainability committee, admits that "some-

See SUSTAINABILITY p. 10

Clubs & Organizations

Remembering September 11



Elizabeth Coma



A number of students volunteered their time late Monday night to place 3,000 flags on the quad. Each flag represented an innocent life lost in the 2001 attacks. The memorial was sponsored by the Student Senate and the College Republicans.

Below, a student passes the memorial as he makes his way through the rain on a wet September 11.



Michael Hout

On Thursday night, 9/11 survivor Earl Johnson shared his story with students in the Marine and Natural Sciences Building. Johnson was in the North Tower during the attack. The event was also sponsored by the College Republicans.



Courtesy of Theodore Apple

Students sit in the chairs in the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center which have been rearranged by the Chair Rearrangement Club to form a jigsaw style.

Clubs and Organizations

FMA



FMA Members: Seniors: Haluk Arkun, Antoine Badillet, Lindsey Bauer, Kevin Canty, Veronica Columb, Mattie DiGiacomo, Aaron DiNardo, Cheryl Giua, Jeffrey Griffin, Steve Indiveri, Tim Indiveri, Daniel Kendig, Chris Kissane, Chris Leach, Steve Malafronte, Joe Marchione, Michelle Miklus, Garrett Paoella, Eric Rollo, Josh Wuerthele. Juniors: Laura Andreasson, Natalie Armano, Gardiner Bowen, Lana Hatoum, Andrew Haycock, Devan LaChance, Bill Lambert, Hendry Maddocks, Erin McCarthy, Andrew Oliverio, Erica Rosenzweig, Scott Stirling, Michael Tromblay. Sophomores: Chip Ely, Ryan LaCourse, Nate McNamee, Michael Oliveira, Molly Post, Laura Scott, Stephanie Watson. Freshman: Cullen Briggs. Advisor: Dr. Michael Melton.

Muslim Student Association



MSA Members: Nadia Sakhi, Salam Faraz, Haseena Niazi, Hala Ghoname, Hawa Ansary, Ayosh Shrestha, Anh Bhi, Fayeze Alanazi, Hemat Raz, Mohammed Almutlaqsh, Abdul Mohsin, Luat Mai, Marie Penet, Karin Hiruse, Rabia Zahir, Proma Kanya, Naif MOhammed, Khalid, Yousef Abushanreb, Maria Adkins, Mustafa Ozlele.

Musicians Guild

Musicians Guild Members: Marissa Delorey, Heather Cowds, Joe Gallagher, Mandie Littleman, Gregg Kelly, Josh Marrese, LisaMarie McNulty, Colin Roderick, Dave Rouselle, Eric Sweet, Amber Testa, Chris Whitney.



American Chemical Society



RWU Pep Band



RWU Pep Band
Members: Hilary Wehner, Celeste Bessey, Amanda Jenkins, Katie Kanakos, Daniel Fairbanks, Justin Miranda, Elyse Dolde, Will Hood.

Spanish Club

Spanish Club Members:
Morgan Thompson,
Ashley Mariani, Kevin Goodhue, Adam Barnes, Alex Sinclair, Sidney DeLeon, Kelly DeMouia, Dave Mercaldo.



Pre-Med/Pre-Vet Club



Pre-Med/Pre-Vet Members: John VanDemark, Shannon DeLong, Daniel DeMaglie, Abigail Sussman, Marissa Checca, Laura-Ashley Przondo, Leanne Farrell, Amanda Fiella, Kaely Aikman, Mike Abrahams, Tiffany Muns, Jessie Alden, Valerie Bernier, Rachel Benedetti, Kerri McKee, Nick DeFusco. Advisor: Dr. Kerri Warren.

Outing Club



Outing Club Members: Abisla, Chris, OBrien, Amanda OConnor, Lauren Onahag, Jon Petrillo, Daniel Phay, Monahan Ruzanski, Genna Skerry, Alexandra Smith, Meaghan Sperling, Mason Swenson, Daren Tolken, Samantha Tuvim, Sarah VanBuren, Daniel Vigorito, Thomas Zegelbone, Nina Boas, Esther Boehm, Kyle Bome, Emily Bourassa, Lisa Chapin, Lindsay Connolly, Charles Cummings, Joanna Cutler, David Debeliis, Michael Deyo, Christopher Dureuil, Michael Foster, Meghan Elizabeth Freedman, Leah Gallant, Andrew Gallin, Brittany Halliday, Claire Kane, Rob Kunkel, Heidi LeMasters, Lix Link, Katie Mark, Massari, Todd McDavitt, Jim McDonough, Dan McKee, Kerri Murphy, Patrick Newman

Marine Science Club



Student Volunteer Association

SVA Members: Carolyn Ciampa, Michele D'Anddio, Elizabeth Nye, Rachel Nicolaou, Carla Clambriello, Rachel Gulmand, Lauren Kinell, Heather Canfield.



Chorus



Christmas Chorus



Rugby



Musicians Guild



Cheerleading



Alternative Entertainment members:
(Back row, from left:) David Marron, Ed Reiss, Ted Oberhelman, Michael Lewis, Anthony Buzzerio, John Harrison, Mark Patuto, Craig Weinstein, Kelsey LaCroix, Adam Litman. (Middle row from left:) Matthew Velez, Michelle Maczka, Christie Console, Sam Krause, Vanessa Picirilli, Brice Murray, Carl Killian, Dana Faibish. (Front row from left:) Bethany R., Karin Hirose, Shannon Riccio, Tara Shanley, Heather Moulton



Alternative Entertainment

Accounting Club
American Institute of Architecture Students
American Internet Technology Professionals
American Society of Civil Engineers
Anthropology/Sociology Club
Chinese Club
Classics Club
Construction Management Club
Future Teachers of America
German Club
Graphic Design Club
Historic Preservation Club
History Club
John Jay Society
Mock Trial
Public Relations Student Society of America
Psychology Club
Society of Woman Engineers
Stage Company
Technology Committee

Alpha Chi (Alpha Chapter)
Delta Sigma Pi
Lambda Epsilon Chi
Phi Alpha Theta
Phi Beta Delta (Epsilon Rho Chapter)
Phi Sigma Alpha (Phi Lambda Chapter)
Psi Chi
Sigma Tau Delta (Alpha Alpha Nu Chapter)
Tau Sigma Delta (Beta Tau Chapter)

Clubs

Hillel
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship
Newman Club
Sexuality Advocacy for Everyone(SAFE)
Womans Center

Amnesty International
College Democrats
College Republicans
Environmental and Animal Rights Club
Model United Nations
ONE Campaign
STAND
Students for Renewable Energy and Environmental Preservation (SREEP)
Relay for Life
Alternative Spring Break

Academic, Academic Honor Societies, Cultural and Spiritual, Civic Engagement, Social

Balls to the Walls
Racquetball Club
Ballroom Dance Club
Chair Rearrangement Club
Cigar Club
Cycling Club
Dance Club
Elizabethan Society
Hollerin Hawks
Ice Hockey

Leisure Sports and Barbeque
Martial Arts Club
Roger Williams Ultimate Frisbee
Scuba Club
Ski and Snowboard Club
Special Delivery (A capella)
Squirrel Viewing
Surf Club
Underground Mafia Association (card role play game club)

Student Senate

President: Veronica Columb
Vice-President: Alicia Merschen-Perez
Treasurer: Shashwat Baxi
Secretary: Jenn Olivo
Parliamentarian: Lauren Elliot

Senate Members:

Academic Affairs Chair: Joe Marchione
Finance Chair: Jayda Blinn
Clubs & Orgs Chair: Ashley Saunders
Public Relations Chair: Katie McCann
Student Affairs Chair: Adam Barnes
Alumni Affairs Chair: Jess Adler



Senate Members continued:

Lindsay Barr, Alex Hodgeman, Russell Feely,
Juan Escorcia, Brendan Boyle, Cat Stines,
Nicole Foti, William Vitez, Rachel Clarke,
John Heroux

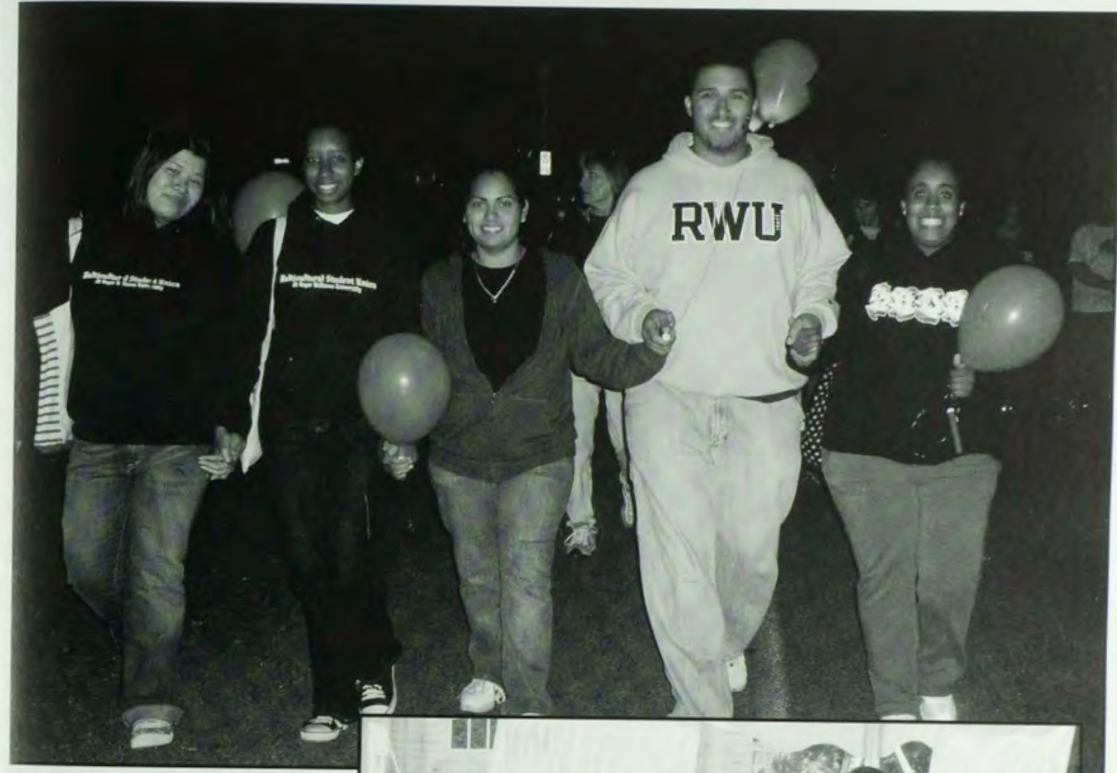
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Multicultural Student Union



MSU Members: Samantha Law, Cherèva McClellan, Melisa Carrasquillo, Daniel Ruth, Gladys Loa, Fernanda DeSouza, Laticia Walker, Jerrel Burgo, Emily Goldstein, Alejandra Cross, Noelle Allard, Alexandra Hodgman, Catherine "Casey" Barber.
Advisors: Don Mays, Chuck Stanley and Ande Diaz.



88.3 FM

WQRI



WQRI Members: General Manager: Dom Lombardi, DJ Manager: Greg Walsh, Program Director: Keli Ray, Productions Director: Matthew Kolhonen, Live Director: Kelleigh Welch, Promotions Director: Sarah Norton, Music Director: Greg Bem, Secretary: Dina Abou Hatoum, News Director: Phil Devitt, Systems Administrator: Gregg Kelly

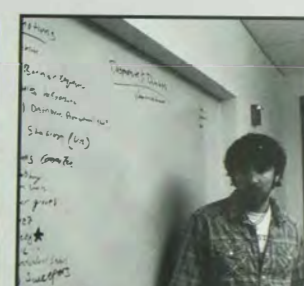


WQRI Events:

- *Hip-Hop Anonymous
- *Desperate and Dateless
- *Across the Universe
- *Spring Spectacle
- *Acoustic Show featuring Joe Auger, Mike Cellemmee, and Alan Hague
- *Foliage Fest
- *Meals on Wheels



Expose Yourself



Campus Entertainment Network

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Recruitment and Retention:
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Spring '08: Caitie
Abrahamson

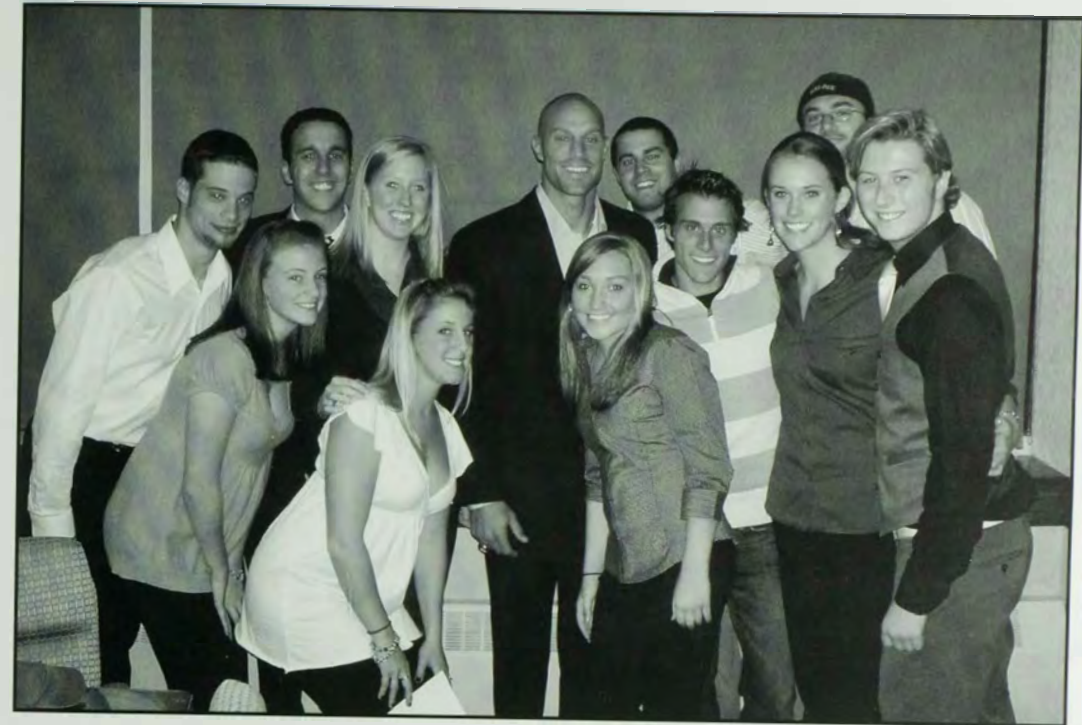
Theme Weekend:
Fall '07: Jaclyn Calovine and Rory Richards
Spring '08: Jordan Viola and Raschel Harer



Inter-Residence Hall Association



IRHA Members: Caitlin Coddington: Advisor, Carol Sacchetti: Advisor, Eric Rollo: President, Allison Trombetta: Vice President, Jon Fergione: Treasurer, Lauren Bartolotti: Secretary, Kristy Lyons: Mr. RWU Co-Chair, Stephanie Olesen: Mr. RWU Co-Chair, Samantha Eckel: P.R. Co-Chair and Recruitment and Retention, Miranda Downing: P.R. Co-Chair and Advertisement, Kevin Clark: NRHH President, Phil Levine: NCC, Corey Konnick, Bridget Hagan, Megan Haley, Michael McGarty, Nicole DesRoches, Taylor McNally Anderson, Tim O'Koren, Greg Emanuele, Kristie Schmitt, Jenny Rapp, Mike Murphy, Ted Beatty, Allison Livezey, Michelle Santos, Nicole Kepner, Erica Seymour, Kelly Taylor, Katie Peters, Jessica Sanborn, Blake Sherwood, Jaqueline Kelch, Dana DiSanto, Sam Hamilton, George Schork, Bryan Beirolla, Bryanna Fucci, Amber Thomas, Rachel Ricciardi, Tim Miodonka, Jackie Doherty, Emily Pratt, Adrienne Rubin



IRHA Events:

- *80's Dance
- *Gabe Kapler speaks on Domestic Violence
- *Mr. RWU 2007
- *Grocery Bingo
- *S.E.X. Week 2008



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Homecoming Court 2008



The beautiful girls of Homecoming Court all smile and pose together. From left to right: Meghan Hogan, Erin McAvoy, Nikki Lombardi, Samantha Hurd, and Becky Bowman.

And the winner is...



Queen Nikki Lombardi & King Bryan Beirola

Coronation:

President Nirschel was at the ceremony to crown the Homecoming King and Queen. At left, Bryan Beirola is shown kneeling to accept his crown with Homecoming Queen Nikki Lombardi at his side. Below, a happy Beirola overcame with emotion displays gratitude with a hug.



Pictures with Swoop

Those who came to Homecoming also got the opportunity to get a photograph with Swoop. At bottom left, he is seen with Homecoming Queen Nikki Lombardi and Homecoming King Bryan Beirola. Below, Swoop is seen with Greg Emanuele and his family.



Isn't
She
Lovely?



Chow Time!

Students and families enjoy a delicious buffet-style meal prepared by the dining service of campus, Bon Appetit. There was a little something for everyone and many sweet treats to enjoy for dessert afterwards. Pumpkins were even carved to give a spooky but fun ambiance.



Swoop's in Style

During Homecoming, Swoop was there to take many pictures with the court as well as the attendees of the event. Enthusiastic as ever, here he poses with Erin McAvoy.

Full Court

A group picture of the Homecoming Court. From Left to Right: Jordan Viola, Becky Bowman, Eric Rollo, Erin McAvoy, Rory Richards, Samantha Hurd, Joe Marchione, Nikki Lombardi, Bryan Beirola, Meghan Hogan, Greg Emanuele and Swoop.



Mr. RWU



Contestants:

Tim O'Koren, Mike Zarbo, Jordan Viola, Corey Konnick, Matt Cate, Pat McHeffey, Jon Fergione, Nick Longo, Kevin Golisano, James Damiano
Mr. RWU 2007 Winner: Matt Cate

In November of 2007 the seventh annual Mr. RWU pageant happened at Roger Williams University. Mr. RWU is a male beauty pageant that is sponsored by IRHA that raises money for the Children's Miracle Network. The pageant has ten contestants who are judged based on a talent portion, formal wear, interviews, athletic wear as well as how much money they raise from September till November.

Each contestant is given a Personal Assistant to help them prepare for the show and raise money. The contestants ended up raising \$12,000 dollars to donate to the Children's Miracle Network.





Spring Weekend 2008



Spring Weekend 2008





Spring Weekend 2008



King Roger's Faire



Involvement Banquet

The glamor, the style, the awards! The 2008 Student Involvement Banquet had a Hollywood theme - reflected in everything from the center pieces at the tables to a paper mache camera (shown left). Student leaders from all the clubs and organizations came together to have dinner and accept a number of awards from Club Member of the Year to Cultural Program of the Year. What a night!



Above and right: tables with place cards and a film-strip like center piece surrounded by delicious chocolate cake. Far right: Senior Nicole Lombardi claps after a speech is made.



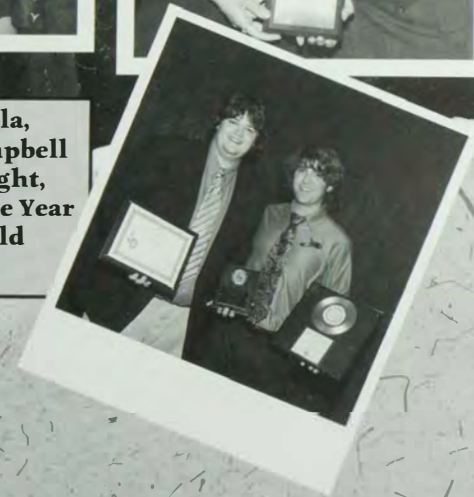
They like me! They really like me!



The winners include Caitlin Saba for Design Center Employee of the Year (top left) and Diana DeQuattro for Hawk's Herald Editor of the Year (top right). Below, Courtney Cooney holds her Student Ambassador Award.



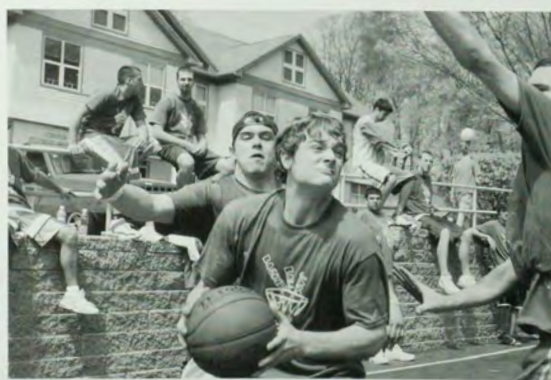
Above, Ashley Saunders, Kaitlyn Winter, Jordan Viola, Maschel Harer, Nicole Lombardi and Courtney Campbell pose with the CEN Program of the Year Award. At right, Greg Walsh is pictured with his two WQRI DJ of the Year Awards and Dominic Lombardi holds his WQRI Gold Record Award.



MSU

Basketball Jam

The MSU Basketball Jam took place at the Cedar Basketball courts. It was a huge success and everyone had a great time shooting some hoops.



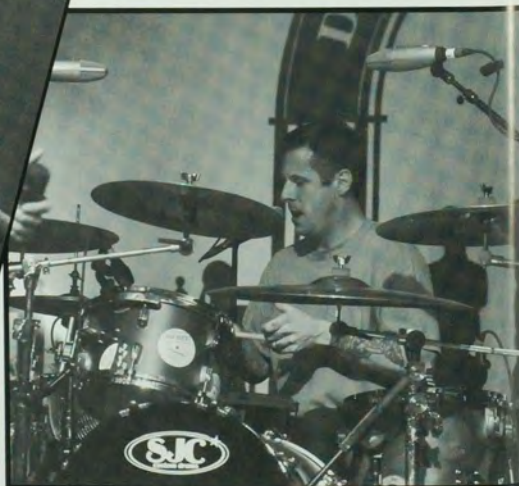
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Dropkick Murphy's

Spring Concert April 24, 2008



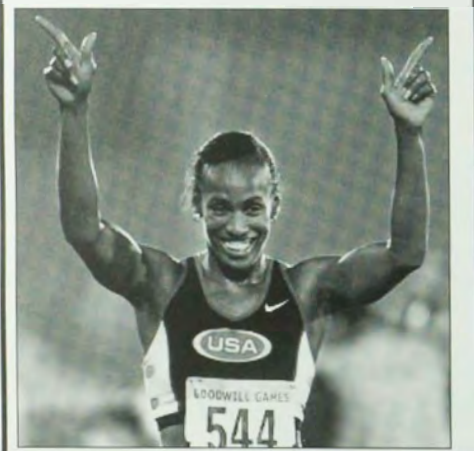
Olympic medalist to speak at commencement

Dee DeQuattro
News Editor

President Roy J. Nirschel has announced that former Olympic track star Jackie Joyner Kersee will be the 2008 commencement speaker.

Kersee is a retired American athlete who is considered one of the all-time greatest in the Olympic heptathlon as well as the long jump. She holds the world record for the heptathlon, which is an event that consists of the combination of seven dif-

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KERSEE: Will address grads at commencement

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ferent track and field events, including 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 meters, long jump, javelin throw, and 800 meters.

Kersee also holds the world record for the six all time best results for the long jump at 7.49 meters.

Kersee will be the first African-American woman to address a graduating class at RWU.

Nirschel made the announcement on Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. on 88.3 WQR1, the campus radio station. He also announced that track and field will become a varsity sport in Fall 2008.

"It is fitting that she is giving the commencement address as we finalize plans to offer track and field as the next Roger Williams University NCAA sport," said Nirschel.

"She is hailed as one of the greatest women athletes of the 20th century, was an honors graduate at UCLA, overcame asthma and adversity to become not only an outstanding student-athlete and Olympian, but someone who did so with class and dignity," said President Nirschel.

Kersee will address the graduating class on Saturday, May 17. "Jackie Joyner-Kersee managed to achieve Olympic greatness without the use of performance-enhancing drugs and has a positive and optimistic message for our students," said Nirschel.

Kersee's appearance is the latest in a series of high profile commencement speakers. Last year, Roger Williams hosted the Farrelly brothers, movie directors who gave a joint commencement address and in 2006, First Lady Laura Bush spoke at the ceremony.

Pulitzer prize-winning reporter for The New York Times Linda Greenhouse will address the law school graduates during their commencement ceremony on Friday May 16, at 1 p.m.

2008 Graduating Class at a Glance

The Hawks
Herald would like
to congratulate
the class of 2008!



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John Curtis

Major: Engineering
Favorite memory: Swimming and diving
Least favorite memory: The Wind
Plans for next year: Working at a company called Proto-Power

Craig Krushinski

Major: History and Secondary Education
Favorite memory: Spring Weekend senior year
Least favorite memory: Student teaching my last semester of senior year because I have to wake up at 5:30
Plans for next year: Graduate school at Fairfield University and teaching at a middle school at the same time

Kwanghyuk Choi

Major: Business Management
Favorite memory: The campus and the people, because it's so different from my country (South Korea)
Least favorite memory: Living in Cedar and trying to wake up for an 8 o'clock class
Plans for next year: Go to Japan for a year to learn Japanese, so that I'll be able to speak 3 languages

Samantha Morin

Major: Dance
Favorite memory: Both summers that I spent being an orientation adviser
Least favorite memory: Fire alarms in Cedar
Plans for next year: I got into a dance company in Boston, so I'll be dancing there next year

Alex Boudreau

Major: Marketing
Favorite memory: Making nationals for sailing
Least favorite memory: Living on campus and fire alarms in Cedar
Plans for next year: Moving to Florida and trying to find a job

Christopher Miles

Major: International Business
Favorite memory: Freshman year, jumping into the city fish pond with just underwear on in the winter
Least favorite memory: Getting written up a lot
Plans for next year: Getting a full-time job

Erin McAvoy

Major: Theatre with a Dance Performance and Business Double Minor
Favorite memory: Waking up next to the water, 212, SP&L, smoothies, and being a five-minute walk from everywhere I need to be
Least favorite memory: The crazy construction!

Plans for next year: My plans for next year are still sort of up in the air. I know I am staying here for the summer, and then moving home to Connecticut in September to teach dance classes at a studio. Other than that, I'm not sure what I'll be doing for like a "real job" but I know that everything will fall into place, and everything will work out

Compiled by: Allie Conn

Seniors



Senior Portraits



Remembrances



Senior Bar-B-Q



Parent Dinner Dance



Commencement Ball



Commencement &
Senior Reception

*"Memory is a way of holding onto the thing
you love, the things you are, the things you
never want to lose"*

Class of 2008



Joy Abdon



Pamela Adams



Amanda Agosta



Michelle Aharonian



Kaeli Aikman



Talia Albano



Shaun Allen



Cristina Almeida



Christie Andrade



Melissa Antonelli



Thelma Baddoo



Andrew Bagge

Class of 2008



Amanda Bailey



Tabitha Baker



Michael Baldorossi



Emily Bartram



Sarah Bates



Lindsey Bauer



Richard Baxley



Julia Bayer



Jeffrey Bean



Megan Bedard



Patti Behen



Bryan Beirola

Class of 2008



Alyssa Berardi



Daniel Bernardino



Valerie Bernier



Kimberly Best



Amanda Bickford



Nicholas Billotte



Corey Blondin



Kathryn Blythe



Christopher Boehm



Jacquelyn Boisclair



Brandon Boisvert



Megan Borges

Class of 2008



Stephen Botelho



Alexandria Boudreau



Heather Brackett



Elisabeth Brady



Amy Brauer



Marissa Brennan



Allison Briere



Haleigh Bronson



Laura Burgner



Laura Burns



Amanda Burritt



Douglas Cameron

Class of 2008



Kevin Cauty



Robert Carlson



Sean Carney



Rebecca Carreiro



Lauren Carrell



Michael Carruth



Elise Castabon



Alexandra Casey



Tara Castagna



Matthew Cate



John Cato



Brian Cerrone

Class of 2008



Kwang Hyuk Choi



Benjamin Church



Carolyn Ciampa



Ryan Cianchette



Melissa Cigol



Ashley Cirrone



Brian Clark



Rachel Clarke



Dana Cohen



Allison Cole



Marissa Collins



Veronica Columb

Class of 2008



Ricardo Cordido



Philip Cormier



Kevin Correia



Brittany Costa



Melissa Gore



Mark Couture



Max Covill



Bob Criscuolo



Katelyn Cullinan



Jill Cunningham



Gregory Curtin



John Curtis

Class of 2008



Michele D'Addio



Mary Dacunha



Liliana D'Amore



James Damiano



Alondra De Leon



Emily Decof



Thomas Delalio



Kimberly Delgallo



Deirdra Delio



Paige Del Sordo



Eric Delvalle



Christin DesBois

Class of 2008



Kayla Desnoyers



Lucy Devens



Alexander Diez



Matthew DiGiacomo



Patrick Dinsmoor



Kevin Dittmeier



Laura DiVeglia



Jason Dono



Amy Dornfried



John Doto



Jake Dumond



Blair-Victoria Dutra

Class of 2008



Sherelle Eccles



Christopher Edwards



Daniel Endrusick



Christin English



Jennifer Erickson



Ryan Fayed



Kate Flanders



Katherine Fleming



Ryan Flynn



Stasia Fogg



Cassandra Forceello



Joseph Fortin

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Kristin Foss



Francesco Fraone



Alexandra Fraser



Courtney Fraser



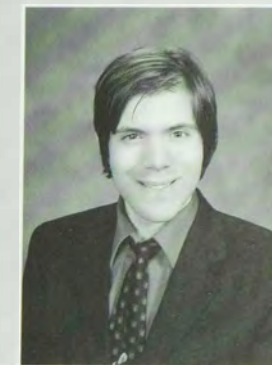
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Andrew Goetting



Mark Granger



Will Grapentine



Kaitlin Fuller



Ryan Gaeta



Marissa Gallant



Bradford Garmon



Andrea Gregory



Elizabeth Gregory



Elyse Gregory



Jeffrey Griffin



Katherine Gero



Melissa Giardina



Cheryl Giua



Amanda Giudice



Heidi Grove



Daniel Gumb



Ashley Hackett



Lani Hall

Class of 2008

Class of 2008



Nicholas Hamilton



Robyn Henderson



Tiffany Heroux



Steven Hespeler



Melissa Holtham



Ryan Hood



Staci Hotchkiss



Samantha Hurd



David Higgins



Meredith Hill



Suzanne Hill



April Hilliker



John Illick



Stephen Indiveri



Tim Indiveri



Daniel Izzo



Morgan Hilyard



James Hochadel



Meghan Hogan



Shaun Hogan



Ronna Jessee



Brian Jones



Jessica Karkut



Stacie Katz

Class of 2008

Class of 2008



Brett Kearns



Daniel Keaveney



Peter Kennedy



William Kennedy



Stephen Kimmey



William King



Christopher Kowal



Craig Krushinski



Parker Lacoste



Adrienne LaFrance



Adrienne LaMontagne



Kaitlyn Lange

Class of 2008



Timothy Lavranchuk



Christopher Leach



Stephanie Lessard



Ashley Levesque



Ashley Littleton



Christine Logue



Nicole Lombardi



Daniel Lombardo



Katelyn Lowe



Kenna Luguri



Mark MacDonald



Tristram MacDonnell

Class of 2008



Julianne MacPhie



Ashley Macri



Brianna Magagnoli



Elisa Maglione



Steven Malafrente



Stephanie Marchese



Joseph Marchione



Kady Marino



Justin Marrus



Joseph Martin



Amanda Martiniello



Robert Masinda

Class of 2008



Heather Mason



Lauren Mastandrea



Patrick Mastropolo



Katherine Mauro



Caitlin Mayo



Erin McAvoy



Chereva McClellan



Haley McCraven



Brielly McGlaufflin



Meghan McGrath



Katharine McIntyre



Kerri McKee

Class of 2008



Scott McLean



Christopher McMahon



Peter McManus



Michael McNamara



Samantha Medeiros



Cheryl Meegan



Tyler Melazzo



Krissy Mercurio



Logan Metzler



Stephen Meyer



Lindsey Meyers



Nicholas Michienzi

Class of 2008



Deidre Mills



Shalene Milot



Lauren Miner



Samantha Morin



Vincent Morrone



Krystal Munoz



Tiffany Muns



Christine Nagy



Ashley Nelson



Joanna Nettelfield



Robin Nichols



Kerri Nilan

Class of 2008



Kelley Norton



Cortney Nuzzo



Lia O'Connell



Chloe O'Keeffe



Meghan O'Neil



Kevin Origoni



Garrett Paoletta



Nicholas Paradiso



Kelsey Parente



Erika Paulhus



George Perdrizet



Daniel Pereira

Class of 2008



Felicia Pereira



Ashley Perkins



Anna Perrelli



LeeAnn Peters



Mark Pfeifer



Melissa Pilla



Bryan Pioli



David Pitts



Daniel Polifroni



Kayley Pombo



Ashley Popoli



Kendall Potter

Class of 2008



Stacey Pretti



Tyler Price



Mark Primo



Carol Ann Prochner



Sabrina Putko



Joshua Quagliaroli



Heather Quigley



Vanessa Rachels



Danielle Ray



Ryan Rebecchi



Edward Reiva



Elizabeth Renner

Class of 2008



Jenna Rice



Rory Richards



Michael Rifelli



Marissa Rivera



Sarah Robertson



Gregory Rodak



Haley Rodenbush



Kary Rodgers



Nickolas Rogers



Chad Rollins



Eric Rollo



Alex Rubin

Class of 2008



Joseph Ruch



John Russo



Rachel Russo



Caitlin Saba



Cherie Sadeli



Emma Santolupo



Kristin Scala



Aimee Scheppard



Mallory Schnare



Emily Schnell



Zachary Schuller



Lindsey Sesin

Class of 2008



Ashley Shaker



Jane Shaughnessy



Jane Shibley



Jillian Shiebler



Melissa Silva



Alexander Sinclair



Jacqueline Singer



Thomas Sisemoore



Alex Smith



Kati Smith



Tess Spector



Kristen Spencer

Class of 2008



Jena Spindler



Ashley Steenbruggen



Jessica Stein



Whitney Stoneking



James Thatcher



Malee Thitthavong



Alexandra Thompson



Morgun Thompson



Kaitlin Stubbert



Jeffrey Sudman



Eric Sullivan



Kara Sullivan



Meghan Tracy



Zachary Tuozzoli



Jena Ulak



Joseph Valenzano



Jessica Szymczak



Abigail Taylor



Matthew Tedone



Adam Teper



Thomas Vigorito



William Vitez III



Erin Voegtlen



Ashley Walker

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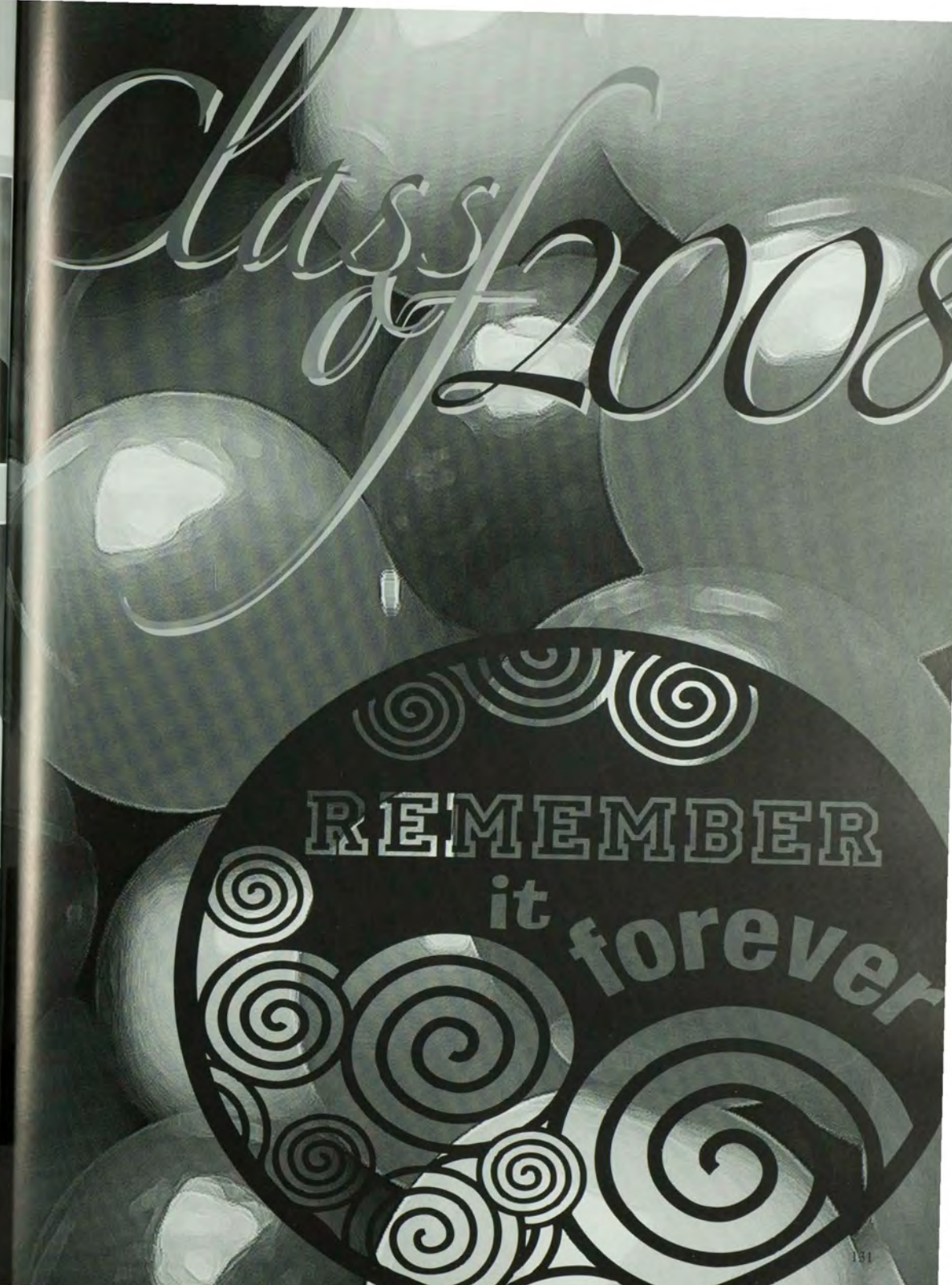
Leah Zaroulis



Kenneth Zeitler



Daniel Zinkewich



Tobey Reynolds

7/24/85 - 10/26/07



*"If you were with me tonight
I'd sing to you just one more time,
a song for a heart so big God wouldn't let it live.
May angels lead you in."*

- Anonymous

*"As soon as she walked into a room,
there was a light."*

~Professor Dianne Comiskey

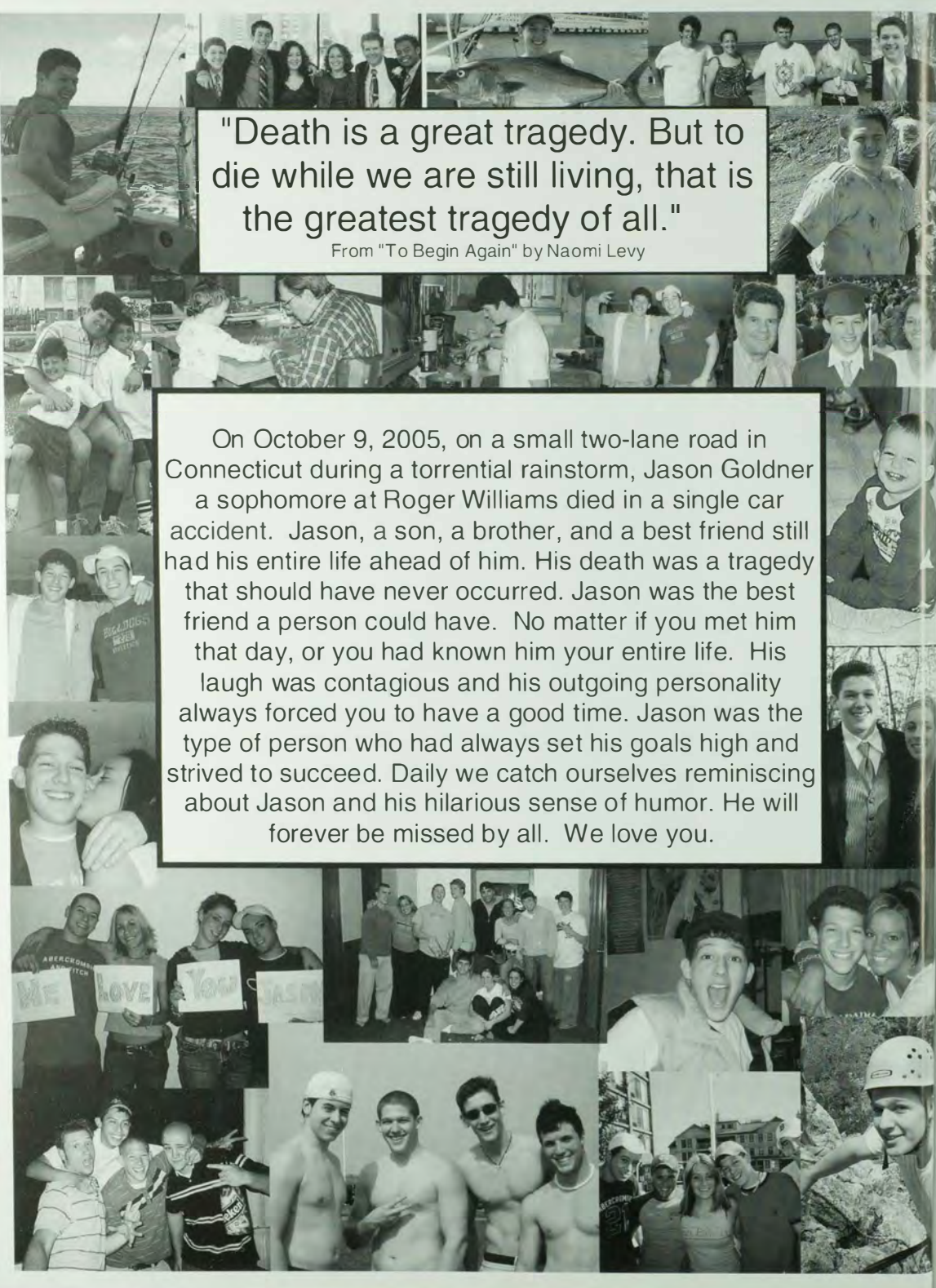
Tobey Reynolds, 22, died Friday October 26, 2007 when her car collided with a tractor trailer on route 44 in Connecticut. At RWU she studied creative writing and elementary education. Tobey left a lasting impression on the students and faculty at the university. Here is what some had to say:

"Tobey was so caring and carefree; carefree was totally Tobey," Senior Patti Behen.

*"Tobey had a sophisticated understanding about certain truths in the world,"
Professor Rence Soto.*

"She had this natural ability to listen with such content when you complained to her, then after all the torture of listening, she would finally come up with an amazing answer to your problem," Wallace.

- Courtesy of The Hawks Herald



"Death is a great tragedy. But to die while we are still living, that is the greatest tragedy of all."

From "To Begin Again" by Naomi Levy

On October 9, 2005, on a small two-lane road in Connecticut during a torrential rainstorm, Jason Goldner a sophomore at Roger Williams died in a single car accident. Jason, a son, a brother, and a best friend still had his entire life ahead of him. His death was a tragedy that should have never occurred. Jason was the best friend a person could have. No matter if you met him that day, or you had known him your entire life. His laugh was contagious and his outgoing personality always forced you to have a good time. Jason was the type of person who had always set his goals high and strived to succeed. Daily we catch ourselves reminiscing about Jason and his hilarious sense of humor. He will forever be missed by all. We love you.

Jason Goldner

9/3/86 - 10/09/05

In life may we be blessed to hear the
laughter,

Share the kindness or to cross the
path

Of a free spirited soul

Though long that path may not be,

Its the footprint etched within our
hearts,

That will remain forever.

Written by Patricia Chandonnet



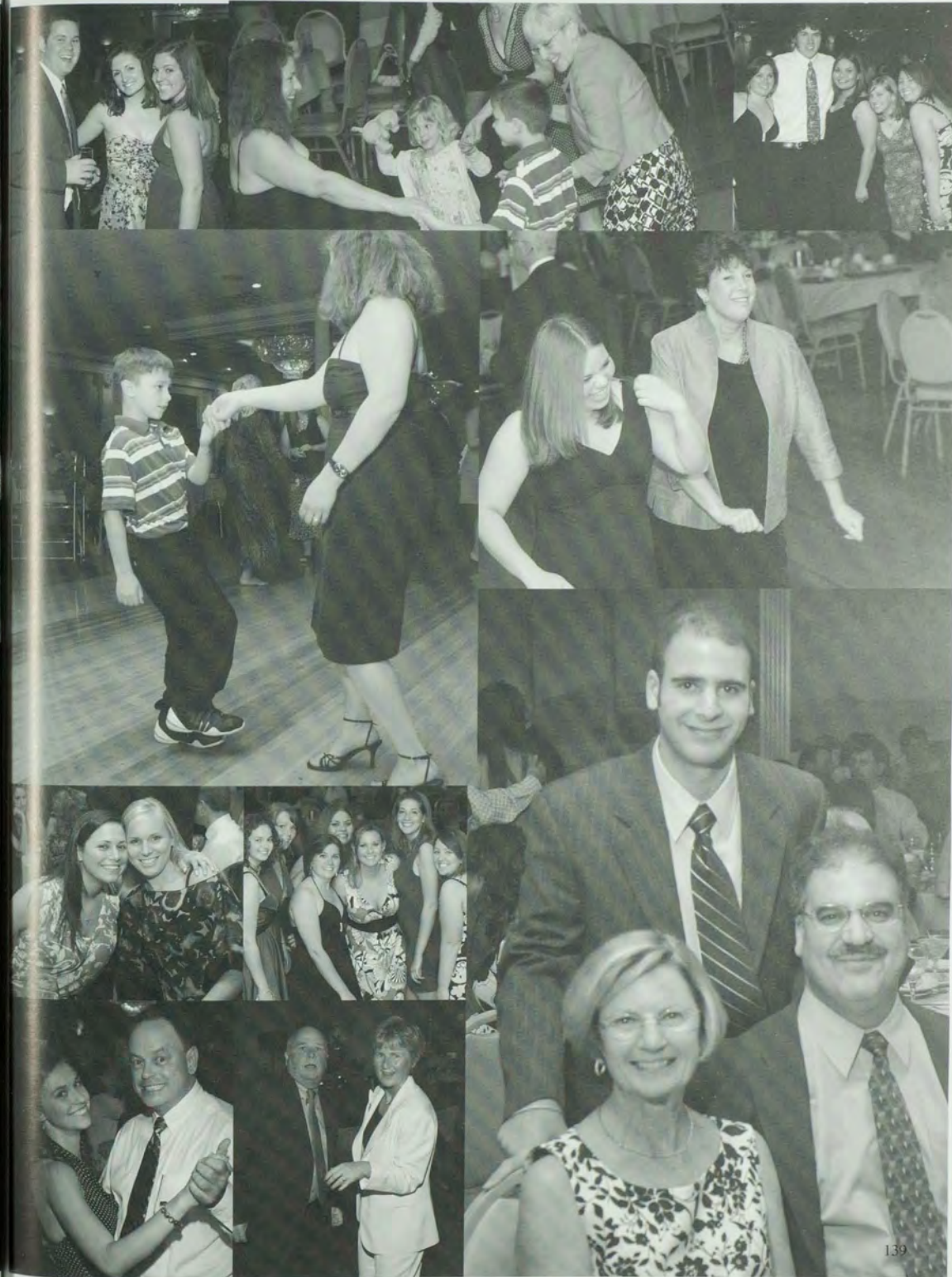
Colt State Park

May 15, 2008



Parent

Dinner Dance





A Night To Remember



Commencement Ball

May 2, 2008



We wished the night would last forever...





... but all good things must come to an end.

Commencement



May 17, 2008
Palino Field



We ARE the
Graduates!



Finally made it!



*We are upward bound, the world's
bright future, the generation that will
not betray*

*Its noblest dreams, the things that
we've been taught here, the ways of
peace and brotherhood and love.*



The first day of the rest of our lives.





*So as we make this final farewell
gesture and take our leave on
graduation day,

Let us thank the teachers that we've
found here, who must each day be
what they hope to prove.*





What a gift you've given us - yourselves!

*The best in you, that you might be a sign
to us of what the best in us can be:*

*Loving, smart, hardworking, fair, and
kind.*

*Your temperaments the well-wrought
text that tells us more than any lesson you
assign.*

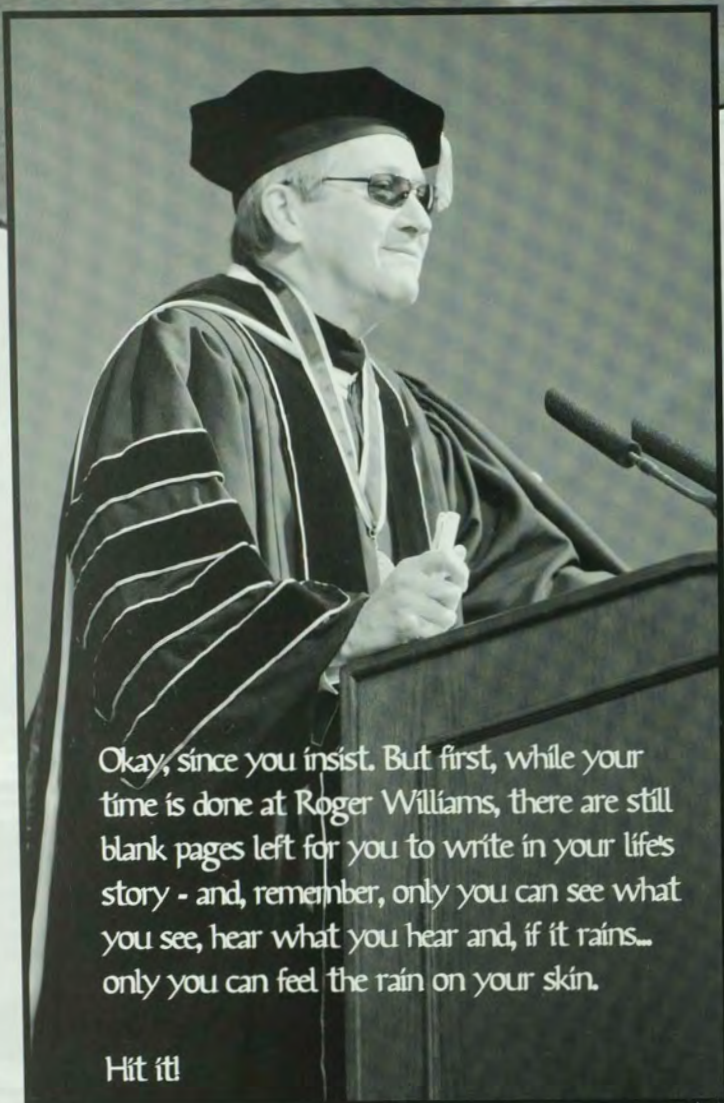
*We become the people that we see and
treasure long the good we leave behind.*

- Anonymous



Congratulations

Class of 2008!!!



Okay, since you insist. But first, while your time is done at Roger Williams, there are still blank pages left for you to write in your life's story - and, remember, only you can see what you see, hear what you hear and, if it rains... only you can feel the rain on your skin.

Hit it!

UNWRITTEN

"I am unwritten, can't read my mind, I'm undefined
 I'm just beginning, the pens in my hand, ending unplanned
 Staring at the blank page before you
 Open up the dirty window
 Let the sun illuminate the words that you could not find.
 Reaching for something in the distance
 So close you can almost taste it
 Release your inhibitions
 Feel the rain on your skin
 No one else can feel it for you
 Only you can let it in
 No one else, no one else
 Can speak the words on your lips
 Drench yourself in words unspoken
 Live your life with arms wide open
 Today is where your book begins
 The rest is still unwritten"

Thank you!

I expect great things from some of you and good things from all of you.
 Thank your parents, loved ones and teachers on the way out - have fun, be safe, and in the words of the late Warren Zevon - make sure to enjoy every sandwich.

Congratulations, Class of 2008!

- Roy J. Nirschel, Ph.D., President

NICKOLAS ROGERS



I never imagined
being this proud!
You will be my
Rainbow Forever.
I Love you, Mom

Congratulations to the 2008 SOAR Lead Graduates

Erin McAvoy Allison Magnotti
Jordan Viola



BRYAN BEIROLA

We are very proud of
you and all your hard
work. We knew you
could do it!
Love: Mom, Dad and
Joseph
P.S STAY AWAY
FROM THE DONUT
SHOPS !



HALEY RODENBUSH



Haley,
Here's to you and the
many more successes
coming your way!
"The Future belongs
to those who follow
their dreams"
Congratulations to
you and your friends!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Dj and Chip



VINCENT MORRONE



We are so
proud of you.
You have
accomplished
one of life's
major
milestones
and found
your passion.
Now use this
passion to
fulfill your
dreams.
We wish you
happiness
and love in
all you do.



Love,
Mom and Dad

Samantha Ann Medeiros



Pooch,
We are so very proud
of you! You are a terrific
young woman, so
talented, caring, and
dedicated in all you do.

Love you!
Dad, Beppy & Jack



AMANDA MARTINIELLO



AMANDA,
CONGRATULATIONS
ON EVERYTHING
YOU HAVE
ACHIEVED.
WE ARE SO
PROUD OF YOU.
FOLLOW YOUR
DREAMS
AND
YOU ARE SURE TO
FIND HAPPINESS
AND SUCCESS.

LOVE,
MOM, DAD
AND TARYN



Dear Ashley,

We love you for all you have
accomplished, for all you have
achieved and for all you are yet to
be.

We are so proud of you. Make
the most of your opportunities and
the most of your many talents to
make a difference.

Believe in yourself and enjoy
life's journey. We believe in you.

Love, Daddy and Mommy

Congratulations to the SP&L Student Staff Graduates

Raymond Boutin
Haleigh Bronson
Phil Cormier
John Curtis
Nicole Dalto
Alex Hall
Meghan Hogan
Samantha Hurd
William King
Nicole Lombardi

Erin McAvoy
Katharine McIntyre
Caitlin Saba
Jane Shaughnessy
Kristen Spencer
Jessica Stein
Abby Ruth Tererri
Jordan Viola
Michael Zarbo

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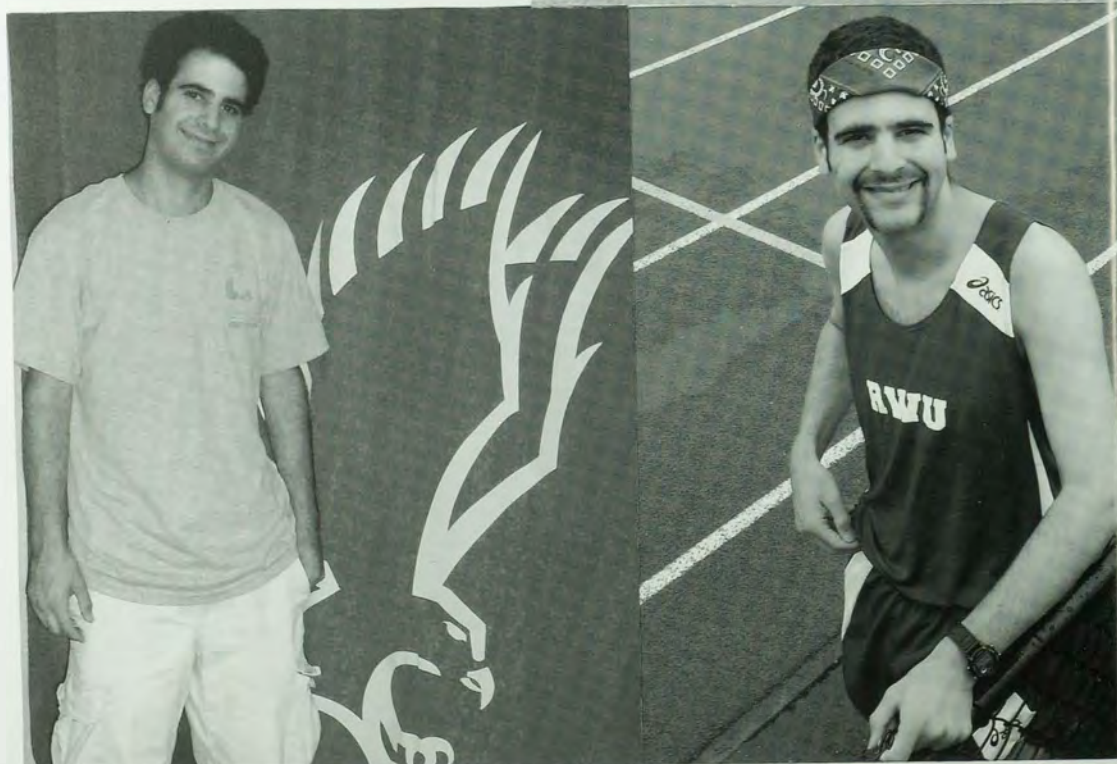
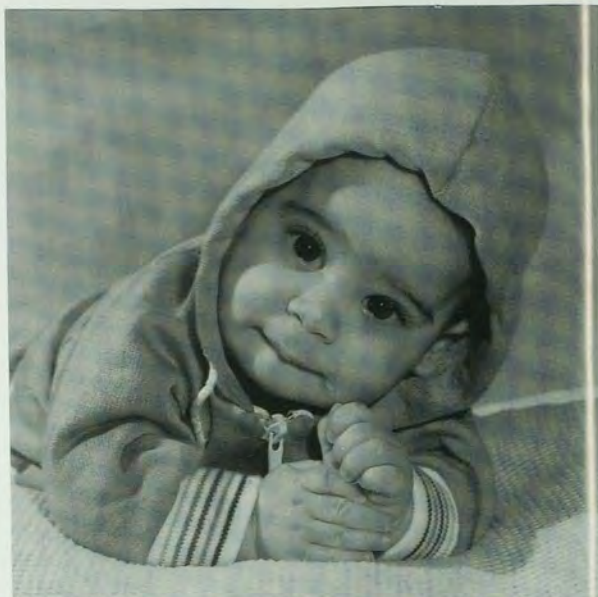
NICHOLAS FRANCIS MICHIEZI

Dearest Nicholas,

Know how very proud we are of you, of all you have accomplished, and of the wonderful young man you have become. Your kind heart, your infectious smile, your wonderful sense of humor, and your unique way of looking at life make this world a better place. Always remember to be true to yourself, stand firm in your convictions and believe in the magic. Good luck in all you do and remember to live each and every day to the fullest. Dare to have dream, dare to take a risk, and dare to fly like an eagle as you soar ahead into the future as you **master** your **plan**. Know how very much we love you. Keep on smiling.

With all our love,

Mom, Dad, Amanda, Matthew, and Gulliver



LOGAN METZLER



And so it begins Logan., the next phase of your life. Remember you have everything going for you. Believe in yourself, follow your dreams and watch them become reality! Proud of you always. With all our Love, Mom and Dad

PETER MCMANUS



That's Peter... Always studying! Four years of academic achievement, lots of friends and fun, Blink your eyes and your time here is done. Congratulations! We are very proud of you!

Love and Special Blessings,
Dad, Mom, Jesslyn, Max, Andrew and Christina

STEVEN MESPELER



For every step you took, for every goal you have achieved, for every trophy & award given, I thought I couldn't be prouder.

Today I am!

The path you have chosen will have many rewards for you. You've worked very hard to be here Today.

Congratulations!

You have been a blessing. Hold your head high you earned it. I wish you the best life has to offer.

MUCH LOVE TO YOU ALWAYS,
MOM



LOGAN METZLER

Logan,
"Be consistent in your
thoughts; steadfast be
your words. Be swift to
hear, but slow to
answer." SIR5:13 -14.



Much love and respect.
Ryan

KRISTIN MERCURIO

We are so proud of
you and all your
accomplishments.
Congratulations
Continue to follow
your heart.



WE LOVE YOU,
MOM DAD & JOSEPH

BLAIR-VICTORIA DUTRA



MY DEAR BLAIR-VICTORIA (BLAIRZY): I HAVE
BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE SUCH AN AMAZING,
WONDERFUL AND UNIQUE DAUGHTER ! I AM
SO PROUD OF YOU!
CONGRATULATIONS!
BREAK A LEG!

I'LL LOVE YOU FOREVER - MOM XOXO

MEGHAN MCCALL



Congratulations Meg! We are so proud of you!
May your life be filled with much happiness and
success. We love you so much.
Mom, Dad, and Becky

ALEXANDRA THOMPSON

ALEX,
YOU'VE
COME A
LONG WAY
BABY!

CONGRATULATIONS
AND LOVE,

MOM AND ANDREW



GREGORY WALSH



From an early age you
seemed to know the secret
to being happy which is just
to be yourself.
You have brought us much
joy and happiness. We are
very proud of you. As you
continue your journey,
surround yourself with people
who welcome your zest for
life, people who nurture your
soul. "What lies
behind us and what lies
before us are small matters
compared to what lies within
us." quote by Emerson.

Congratulations!
Love,
MOM, DAD, and JON



KATI GIBBS-SMITH



CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING IT
THROUGH ANOTHER MILESTONE. YOU
HAVE SET GOALS, WORKED HARD AND
REACHED THEM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WATCHING YOU "REACH FOR THE
STARS" SINCE THE SKIES THE LIMIT FOR
YOU. NO WORDS CAN EXPRESS HOW
PROUD AND LUCKY WE FEEL THAT YOU
ARE OUR DAUGHTER.

WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH, MOM & DAD



